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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 2, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Terry Denmon
Earl King, Jr.
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Chairman Busbice stated he missed the last Commission Meeting, but appreciated the addition and introduction of the two new members, Commissioner King and Commissioner Samanie.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **August 5, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

There were no **Commission Special Announcements** for this month.

Col. Winton Vidrine asked Major Keith LaCaze to come forward for the next item, **Recognize Statewide Enforcement Agent of the Year**. Major LaCaze stated there are 11 officers from the 9 regions and the special sections nominated by their supervisors for the Agent of the Year award. The nominees are recognized based on their case production, professionalism in their job, their educational efforts both in boating and hunter safety education and involvement and participation in their community. All 11 officers are recognized but the Agent of the Year must demonstrate exceptional abilities in all of those factors. The Agent of the Year represents Louisiana at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference and was also nominated for the SEAFWA Officer of the Year. The nominee was from Region 8, an employee of the Department for 14 years, beginning his career in St. Bernard Parish, and recently being promoted to Sergeant. The officer was called upon quite often for his level headed approach to situations, knowledge of the area he works and of Title 56. He also represents the Department by maintaining a good case load, teaching boating and hunter education classes and appearing at sportsmen's groups meetings. Other qualities of this agent included being a member of

the Department's dive team and having to be called upon at all hours and being the Region 8 evidence custodian. The nominee is married to Angelle and have two children, Justin and Casey. Major LaCaze then introduced the Enforcement Agent of the Year Sergeant Todd Laviolette.

Recognition of Employee Service Meritorious Awards for Littering and DWI began with Col. Winton Vidrine asking Major Jeff Mayne to handle the littering award. Major Mayne stated the Enforcement Division began several years ago giving a service meritorious award to an officer who writes the most littering citations. Littering is one of the "pet peeves" within the Division and administrators felt a need to recognize the officer. Major Mayne then introduced the Executive Director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Ms. Lea Harris and stated she would like to make a presentation. Ms. Harris noted Keep Louisiana Beautiful was glad to see the enforcement the Department places on people that litter on the waterways and WMAS. She then read the plaque stating that Senior Agent Joe Dewil, Jr. was the Outstanding Litter Enforcement Officer for 2003-2004. Major Mayne also announced that Agent Dewil would receive a Meritorious Service Award from the Enforcement Division for the littering citations.

Col. Winton Vidrine asked Lt. Col. Charlie Clark, Boating Law Administrator, to make the presentation for the DWI and Life Saving Awards. Lt. Col. Clark stated the Division recognizes an individual that identifies impaired operators on the waters. He then mentioned that 27 percent of all fatal accidents that occurs on the water are caused by people under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The State of Louisiana was third this year in the number of fatalities in the nation, but was 11th in the number of boats involved. The Enforcement's statutes have proven successful with no fatalities around the Florida parishes, but it moves and agents have to chase it around the State. Lt. Col. Clark explained the great distance and difficulty an officer encounters to prove a person is in fact impaired. He then recognized Sgt. Dane Thomas for the outstanding job he has done in the Florida parishes.

Next Lt. Col. Clark presented the Life Saving Award. This award recognizes an individual that has placed his own life in jeopardy in the rescuing of another individual. He then read a report submitted by the Agent's Supervisor. On the night of January 3, 2004, around 11 p.m., while on routine patrol, an agent responded to a night hunting complaint on Lafourche Lake in Caldwell Parish. The agent observed a boat going down the lake without any running lights. When the boat changed directions, the boat capsized and all of the passengers went into the water. The agent, along with 2 men on the bank, paddled to the accident scene. He saw six people, none of whom had life jackets on, in the water. A 14 year old boy was having trouble staying up and efforts to get a throwable life cushion to him was unsuccessful. Senior Agent Scott

Watson dove into the water and managed to get the boy back to the boat. Then he went to the rescue of a lady also having troubles and got her back to the boat. When they reached the boat, it was realized the lady was pregnant. Eventually all 6 people were rescued by Senior Agent Watson and the 2 other men. For this reason, Senior Agent Scott Watson was presented with the Department's Life Saving Award. Additionally, the National Association of Boating Law Administrators in association with the Southern Association of Boating Law Administrators also recognized Senior Agent Watson as its Officer of the Year.

Chairman Busbice congratulated each agent for a great job and expressed appreciation for all they do.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for August** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during August.

Region I - Minden - 53 citations, 11 warnings and 1 public assist.

Region II - Monroe - 103 citations, 23 warnings and 12 public assists.

Region III - Alexandria - 135 citations, 15 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IV - Ferriday - 23 citations, 1 warning and 9 public assists.

Region V - Lake Charles - 140 citations, 12 warnings and 4 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 246 citations, 159 warnings and 11 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 141 citations, 28 warnings and 12 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 201 citations, 21 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IX - Schriever - 219 citations, 83 warnings and 14 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 26 citations and 5 warnings.

Special Investigative Unit - 40 citations.

SWEP - 8 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 31 citations, 4 warnings and 8 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,261. Also 353 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 77 public assist cases.

Major LaCaze then mentioned they along with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and LSU Cooperative Extension worked on a mourning dove management seminar. Examples of legal and illegal scenarios were set up and questions from people were answered. He felt the seminar was a very successful adventure for all involved.

The aviation report for August 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 44.4 hours for enforcement and 33.5 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Chairman Busbice stated there have been a lot of misunderstandings over the years on what was legal and illegal regarding planting food crops. He then asked Major LaCaze if he had anything in writing that could be distributed. Major LaCaze stated two brochures from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on mourning doves and baiting and waterfowl and baiting were distributed at the seminar and he had copies available. Commissioner Mouton asked if the Federal government came out with anything on "water buffaloeing". Major LaCaze stated the response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was that once a crop of rice was harvested from a field which leaves standing stubble and you want to flatten it or buffalo it to create openings for water and this was done before the second seed head was established on the stubble, then that was legal. Commissioner Mouton asked if that response cleared the questions that have been asked for the last several years? Major LaCaze stated it was fairly clear, but may not have been the answer some wanted to hear. Chairman Busbice asked for a copy of the baiting pamphlets. Major LaCaze added that anything recognized as normal, feasible agricultural practice would be okay to hunt dove over.

Chairman Busbice recognized Representative Karen St. Germain as attending the meeting.

On **DMAP & LADT Public Comments**, Mr. Dave Moreland stated the Wildlife Division received no comments other than requests from landowners wanting information and enrollment applications for the programs. Chairman Busbice asked when would the rule be ratified? Mr. Moreland stated it would be November. No public comments were heard.

Mr. Dave Moreland stated they have received no comments relative to the next item, **Public Comments - 2005 Turkey Season**. Commissioner Mouton asked for a map showing the changes in areas that will occur in 2005. No public comments were heard at this meeting.

Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Atchafalaya River Basin-Lake Verret-Palourde Complex began with Commissioner Henry Mouton stating he has received phone calls on this issue even before he was appointed on the Commission and was still receiving them now. He felt when calls are received from sportsmen on an issue that has not been visited in several years, it should be the Commission's job to look into it. The starting point for a Notice of Intent was to allow five fish 14 inches or greater and no more than five fish less than 14 inches. Commissioner Mouton then asked Mr. John Roussel and his staff to make their presentation on the item. Chairman Busbice asked if this was not discussed and voted on at the last meeting? Mr. Roussel stated a discussion, as information only, was conducted at the last meeting in which the Commission asked staff to prepare a Notice of Intent for this month. Mr. Roussel then stated the staff has an extensive slide presentation that would be given by Mr. Mike Walker.

Mr. Walker stated the regulations began in the Basin, Lakes Verret/Grassy/Palourde areas as an emergency following Hurricane Andrew in October 1992. In 1997, the regulation was enacted without a sunset clause. He then noted the regulation on Lake Fausse Point was enacted in 1999 to try to sway the deteriorating habitat and there has been no request to change that regulation. The next slide was on growth rates in the Basin and it showed highly variable rates between the years of 1994 through 2003 which were probably due to environmental influences. But, the growth rates were normal for the Basin. Then growth rates for the Verret/Grassy/Palourde area showed they were not as variable as in the Basin since it has a more stable environment. Also, the growth rates for Verret area were within the normal range. At this point, Mr. Walker explained what was a creel census and how it was conducted. A map was shown that indicated Basin landings available to conduct creel census. The landings were selected on a random basis. Staff goes 6 days a month to conduct these censuses, 4 weekend days and 2 week days. Time of the creel was also randomly selected, either 2 hours after sunrise or 4 hours before sunset and they stay 5 hours. During those 5 hours, all anglers were interviewed and their catch was measured and weighed. However, if an angler has a large ice chest of fish, some boats may not be interviewed. Mr. Walker added that they do not seek any angler for an interview for any special reason. One type of data collected from the creel census was length frequency of bass that were harvested. From the 1989 through 1991 timeframe, the 11 inch fish was the most harvested fish in the Basin. The next slide showed the harvest after the 14 inch minimum was implemented and the greatest pressure was on that 14 inch fish. Harvest per trip for bass anglers showed 89.5 percent harvested from 0 to 5 fish per trip before 1993 and 97.4 percent harvested from 0 to 5 fish per trip after the implementation of the regulation. Even with such a low number of harvest per trip, staff believes there was enough pressure to show a sharp decline in the length frequencies. Comparison of pounds

harvested per hour showed a few more smaller fish were taken prior to the regulation than from 1994-1996 and 2003. The next slide showed the harvest of pounds per hour before and after regulation implementation was nearly the same. Another fact from the adoption of the regulation was that more bass were being harvested greater than or equal to 14 inches than prior to regulation. Weight of fish taken by bass anglers went from 1.3 pounds to 2.01 pounds after regulation and for other anglers, the average weight of bass went from .75 pounds to 1.72 pounds. Mr. Walker reported that anglers, in 1997, indicated they would prefer harvesting larger fish in smaller numbers rather than harvesting smaller fish in larger numbers. Bass catch per hour was higher after implementing the 14 inch minimum regulation. Pie charts were shown that answered the question "There is currently a 14" minimum, 10 fish limit on bass in this area. If you were in charge of managing bass, what regulation would you prefer, if any?" The first showed, from a 2003 Basin survey, that 58 percent of all anglers preferred the 14 inch minimum while 83 percent favored some type of length restriction. From a 2001 survey on Henderson, 76 percent of all anglers favored a 14 inch minimum and 89 percent wanted some type of length restriction. For the Lake Verret area, a one week survey was conducted in 2004, asking where did anglers launch their boats, at a public ramp, was it kept at a camp or was it launched from a private ramp? From the 72 boats surveyed, 81 percent stated they launched from a public ramp. Then Mr. Walker asked about managing bass. From 26 camp anglers, 57 percent preferred the 14 inch minimum and 19 percent had no opinion. From the 92 non-camp anglers, 45 percent preferred the 14 inch minimum, 5 percent preferred no restriction, and 21 percent had no opinion. The next questions involved limits and 69 percent of all anglers favored the present limit of 10; 79 percent of just bass anglers wanted to keep the 10 fish limit while 5 percent were in favor of 5 fish under 14 inches and 5 fish over 14 inches. Of the anglers that favored the 14 inch minimum, 94 percent favored keeping the 10 fish limit. Mr. Walker then moved to predicting what may happen with different scenarios. With a 14 inch minimum, the catch rate would be higher than prior to no restrictions. The number of fish harvested per hour would go down as you increase the size restriction. The average weight of bass was 1.33 with no restriction, but would not get to the average that a 14 inch minimum regulation fish would get to. A chart on the length frequency with various regulations was shown next. The restriction of 14 inch minimum allowing 5 fish under was similar to the no restriction and this harvest would place a lot of pressure on the 11 and 12 inch fish. Summarizing what he presented, Mr. Walker stated again that fishermen are harvesting more fish above 14 inches now than before the regulation; average weight of harvested fish has gone from 1.33 to 2.01 pounds; catch rates have changed from 0.69 per hour prior to regulation to 1.02 per hour after regulation; and in 2003, 58 percent of all anglers preferred the 14 inch minimum in the Basin and 83 percent of all anglers wanted some type of length restriction. Recommendations were to continue with the 14 inch

minimum length limit, the 10 fish creel limit and continue with the same boundary lines.

Chairman Busbice felt Mr. Walker's presentation was very informative for the Commission. Commissioner Mouton asked how long does it take for a bass to grow from 12 to 14 inches? Mr. Walker stated an average 2 year old fish from the Basin was 11.7 inches and a 3 year old was right at 14 inches. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept a Notice of Intent allowing 5 fish under 14 inches and 5 fish 14 inches and over and then take public comments. There was no second to Commissioner Mouton's motion. Commissioner Stone asked if a motion was needed to continue the 14 inch minimum, 10 fish creel? Mr. Don Puckett stated that did not require any formal action. But he noted the Commission could accept public comments as a courtesy to those attending the meeting. Chairman Busbice asked for public comments.

Mr. Dan Brabham stated he has been following this topic for several years. He added he knew of a fisherman, from the early 1990's, that staff would not interview as well as others that had ice chests in their boat. This person was a past president of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Will Courtney, State Conservation Director for the Louisiana BASS Federation, stated there were between 600 and 800 active Federation members as well as 22,000 plus Federation members. Louisiana BASS Federation supports bass management based on sound biological science. Staff has repeatedly recommended a 14 inch minimum in the Basin which has helped keep a consistent number of fish. These consistent numbers has helped bring several large fishing tournaments to the Basin. Mr. Courtney felt the removal of the protection limit could result in the overfishing of young fish and a decline in fishing quality. The Federation urged the Commission to follow the biologists recommendation and not remove the 14 inch minimum.

Mr. Wayne Alleman, President of Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs as well as Secretary-Treasurer of Louisiana BASS Federation, stated he faxed to each Commissioner a letter on the topic. He then urged the Commission to follow the Department's recommendation.

Mr. Jerry Cuevas stated the Atchafalaya Basin has one of the finest resources available in the area and that was due to the regulation in place since Hurricane Andrew. He felt the younger fish needed to stay in the Basin so they could reach 14 inches or better. If the regulation was changed, Mr. Cuevas felt it would kill the Basin.

Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program was handled by Mr. Vince Guillory. He began quoting from Title 56, Section 332(N), which stated the Commission must designate an area for the

trap closure, who will pick up the traps, disposal sites for the traps and the beginning and ending dates for the closures. With the closure dates, two windows are provided, a 16 consecutive day period between February 1 and March 31 and up to a 14 consecutive day period associated with the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season. In 2004, two crab trap closures were held. A 16 day closure occurred in the upper Terrebonne Bay estuary from February 28 through March 14 and the other occurred in western Vermilion Bay from May 14 to May 22. Over 6600 traps were picked up in Terrebonne and 218 traps were picked up from Vermilion Bay. For 2005, four crab trap closures were proposed. The first would be a 10 day closure from 6 a.m. February 18 to 6 a.m. February 27 in a portion of Sabine Lake. Then there would be a closure in a portion of the Terrebonne Bay Estuary for 16 days from 6 a.m. March 5 to 6 a.m. March 20. The third site was a portion of the Breton Sound Estuary for 16 days from 6 a.m. February 26 to 6 a.m. March 13. The final site involves a portion of Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay for a 9 day period beginning at 6 a.m. on the opening day of the inshore shrimp season. Other regulations in the Notice of Intent included all remaining traps in a closure area during those specific times would be considered abandoned; anyone could retrieve an abandoned crab trap; traps can not be possessed outside the closure areas; the Secretary of the Department will authorize designated disposal sites; during winter closures, traps may be retrieved from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; and there was no authorization to access private property. Then Mr. Guillory showed slides of the Sabine Lake closure area and stated it was 35,000 acres; the Terrebonne Bay Estuary area included 51,000 acres located primarily south of Cocodrie and Dulac; the Breton Sound Estuary closure area included 177,000 acres and was not all utilized by crab fishermen; and the Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay area included 114,000 acres and a portion also was not utilized by crab fishermen. All four closure areas totaled 378,000 acres which was similar to last years two closures. Mr. Guillory then explained that the Sabine Lake closure corresponded with a Texas crab trap closure occurring at the same time. The other sites were chosen due to the high concentrations of crab traps. Next, he explained that winter closures were more cost effective and efficient and commercial crab catch rates are lower in the winter as reasons for picking three winter closures and one spring closure. The three small winter closures were picked since it will allow different groups of volunteers the opportunity to participate; the volunteers prefer working closer to a disposal site and would not venture to the farthest points of the closure area; and this helps to facilitate allocation of Department resources.

Commissioner Mouton asked if he could grab derelict crab traps outside of a closure period? Mr. Guillory answered no, outside of a closure period, only the owner of a trap can possess it. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Guillory to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments,

Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM September 2, 2004

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful, with 6,894 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2005 abandoned crab trap removal program for four crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 10-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 18, 2005 through 6:00 a.m., February 27, 2005 within that portion of Cameron Parish as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of the southern side of LA Highway 82 and the eastern shore of Sabine Lake, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake to its intersection with East Pass, thence due north to Sabine Island, thence west along the southern shoreline of Sabine Island to its westward most point, thence due west to the Texas state line, thence south along the Louisiana/Texas state line to its intersection with LA Highway 82, thence east along the southern side of LA Highway 82 and terminating at its intersection with the eastern shore of Sabine Lake.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., March 5, 2005 through 6:00 a.m., March 20, 2005 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 57 and Dulac Canal, thence east along LA Highway 57 to its

intersection with LA 56, thence due east to the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to its intersection with Lapeyrouse Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Lapeyrouse Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Seabreeze Pass, thence southwest to channel marker number 17 of the Houma Navigation Canal (Lat. 29° 11' 11.3" N., Long. 90° 36' 44.5" W.), thence southwest to the northern most point on Pass la Poule Island (Lat. 29° 08' 33.5" N., Long. 90° 39' 01.3" W.), thence west to Bayou Sale channel marker (Lat. 29° 06' 31.8" N., Long. 90° 44' 34.2" W.), thence north to the western shoreline of Bayou Sale, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Sale to its intersection with Four Point Bayou, thence north along the western shoreline of Four Point Bayou to its intersection with the Houma Navigation Canal, thence north along the western shoreline of the Houma Navigation Canal to its intersection with Bayou Grand Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to its intersection with Dulac Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Dulac Canal and terminating at its intersection with LA Highway 57.

C. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 26, 2005 through 6:00 a.m., March 13, 2005 within that portion of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence east along LA Highway 46 to its intersection with LA Highway 300, thence east and then south along LA Highway 300 to its termination, thence due south to Bayou Terre aux Bouefs, thence east along the northern shoreline of Bayou Terre aux Bouefs to its intersection with the "twin pipeline", thence south along the eastern edge of the "twin pipeline" to the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River to a point due west of the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence due east and terminating at the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46.

D. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 9-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay within a portion of Iberia and St. Mary Parishes as described below:

1. From a point originating from the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Acadiana Navigational Channel, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh

Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence east along the shoreline of Marsh Island to Longitude 91° 43' 00" W, thence north along Longitude 91° 43' 00" W to the shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay, thence west along the northern shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay to its intersection with the Ivanhoe Canal, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Ivanhoe Canal to its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, thence west along the northern shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and terminating at the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

E. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. For the winter closures only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Supervisor, Marine Fisheries Division, Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Friday, November 5, 2004.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Ms. Marianne Burke stated she would present the **National Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation**. Information on the history of this Day was included in the Commissioner's packet. This event occurs on the 4th Saturday in September every year. This will be the 20th event for Louisiana. Ms. Burke hoped to have new events this year at the four locations throughout the State which are all hosted by Department staff. She noted she has proclamations from the Mayor of Baton Rouge and Governor of the State. Ms. Burke then read the Therefore portion of the Proclamation.

(The full text of the Proclamation
is made a part of the record.)

State of Louisiana



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and
- WHEREAS,** revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and
- WHEREAS,** hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing \$1.99 billion to conservation programs during the past year through license fees and excise taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 36.4 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and
- WHEREAS,** latest figures indicate that Louisianians directly spend \$1.4 billion on hunting, fishing and other wildlife-associated recreation, and the total economic effect of wildlife related recreational activities, including

hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is almost \$3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent \$61.4 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.3 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$340 million, with more than 30,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

THEREFORE, I, Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 2nd day of September 2004, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 25, 2004 as Louisiana's

**20th ANNUAL
NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgement of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, January 6, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was any chance of opening dove season in the morning for the first split? Commissioner Denmon stated hunters tried dove hunting at daylight for a year or two and they did not like it. So, as a compromise, they changed it to permit hunting at noon on opening weekends.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated he passed out a sample resolution for possible consideration at the next meeting on a proposed Constitutional Amendment to guarantee every Louisiana citizen the freedom to hunt, fish and trap that would be on the November 2 ballot. He then asked for an endorsement by the Commission for that Amendment. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Puckett to prepare a resolution for the Commission to act upon.

Commissioner Sagrera added that it should be included on the agenda for the October meeting.

Mr. Don Puckett stated, on the Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation, the Commission needed to make a motion, a second and then vote on it. Commissioner Denmon asked if the action was to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proclamation and Mr. Puckett answered yes. Commissioner Denmon made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Denmon made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner King.



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday September 2 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding

Terry Denmon
Earl King Jr
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Robert Samanie III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present

Chairman Busbice stated he missed the last Commission Meeting but appreciated the addition and introduction of the two new members Commissioner King and Commissioner Samanie

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **August 5 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

There were no **Commission Special Announcements** for this month.

Col Winton Vidrine asked Major Keith LaCaze to come forward for the next item **Recognize Statewide Enforcement Agent of the Year**. Major LaCaze stated there are 11 officers from the 9 regions and the special sections nominated by their supervisors for the Agent of the Year award. The nominees are recognized based on their case production professionalism in their job their educational efforts both in boating and hunter safety education and involvement and participation in their community. All 11 officers are recognized but the Agent of the Year must demonstrate exceptional abilities in all of those factors. The Agent of the Year represents Louisiana at the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference and was also nominated for the SEAFWA Officer of the Year. The nominee was from Region 8 an employee of the Department for 14 years beginning his career in St. Bernard Parish and recently being promoted to Sergeant. The officer was called upon quite often for his level headed approach to situations knowledge of the area he works and of Title 56. He also represents the Department by maintaining a good case load teaching boating and hunter education classes and appearing at sportsmen's groups meetings. Other qualities of this agent included being a member of

the Department's dive team and having to be called upon at all hours and being the Region 8 evidence custodian. The nominee is married to Angelle and have two children, Justin and Casey. Major LaCaze then introduced the Enforcement Agent of the Year Sergeant Todd Laviolette.

Recognition of Employee Service Meritorious Awards for Littering and DWI began with Col. Winton Vidrine asking Major Jeff Mayne to handle the littering award. Major Mayne stated the Enforcement Division began several years ago giving a service meritorious award to an officer who writes the most littering citations. Littering is one of the "pet peeves" within the Division and administrators felt a need to recognize the officer. Major Mayne then introduced the Executive Director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Ms. Lea Harris and stated she would like to make a presentation. Ms. Harris noted Keep Louisiana Beautiful was glad to see the enforcement the Department places on people that litter on the waterways and WMAS. She then read the plaque stating that Senior Agent Joe Dewil, Jr. was the Outstanding Litter Enforcement Officer for 2003-2004. Major Mayne also announced that Agent Dewil would receive a Meritorious Service Award from the Enforcement Division for the littering citations.

Col. Winton Vidrine asked Lt. Col. Charlie Clark, Boating Law Administrator, to make the presentation for the DWI and Life Saving Awards. Lt. Col. Clark stated the Division recognizes an individual that identifies impaired operators on the waters. He then mentioned that 27 percent of all fatal accidents that occurs on the water are caused by people under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The State of Louisiana was third this year in the number of fatalities in the nation, but was 11th in the number of boats involved. The Enforcement's statutes have proven successful with no fatalities around the Florida parishes, but it moves and agents have to chase it around the State. Lt. Col. Clark explained the great distance and difficulty an officer encounters to prove a person is in fact impaired. He then recognized Sgt. Dane Thomas for the outstanding job he has done in the Florida parishes.

Next Lt. Col. Clark presented the Life Saving Award. This award recognizes an individual that has placed his own life in jeopardy in the rescuing of another individual. He then read a report submitted by the Agent's Supervisor. On the night of January 3, 2004, around 11 p.m., while on routine patrol, an agent responded to a night hunting complaint on Lafourche Lake in Caldwell Parish. The agent observed a boat going down the lake without any running lights. When the boat changed directions, the boat capsized and all of the passengers went into the water. The agent, along with 2 men on the bank, paddled to the accident scene. He saw six people, none of whom had life jackets on, in the water. A 14 year old boy was having trouble staying up and efforts to get a throwable life cushion to him was unsuccessful. Senior Agent Scott

Watson dove into the water and managed to get the boy back to the boat. Then he went to the rescue of a lady also having troubles and got her back to the boat. When they reached the boat, it was realized the lady was pregnant. Eventually all 6 people were rescued by Senior Agent Watson and the 2 other men. For this reason, Senior Agent Scott Watson was presented with the Department's Life Saving Award. Additionally, the National Association of Boating Law Administrators in association with the Southern Association of Boating Law Administrators also recognized Senior Agent Watson as its Officer of the Year.

Chairman Busbice congratulated each agent for a great job and expressed appreciation for all they do.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for August was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during August.

Region I - Minden - 53 citations, 11 warnings and 1 public assist.

Region II - Monroe - 103 citations, 23 warnings and 12 public assists.

Region III - Alexandria - 135 citations, 15 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IV - Ferriday - 23 citations, 1 warning and 9 public assists.

Region V - Lake Charles - 140 citations, 12 warnings and 4 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 246 citations, 159 warnings and 11 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 141 citations, 28 warnings and 12 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 201 citations, 21 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IX - Schriever - 219 citations, 83 warnings and 14 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 26 citations and 5 warnings.

Special Investigation Unit - 40 citations.

SWEP - 8 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 31 citations, 4 warnings and 8 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,261. Also 353 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 77 public assist cases.

Major LaCaze then mentioned they along with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and LSU Cooperative Extension worked on a mourning dove management seminar. Examples of legal and illegal scenarios were set up and questions from people were answered. He felt the seminar was a very successful adventure for all involved.

The aviation report for August 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 44.4 hours for enforcement and 33.5 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Chairman Busbice stated there have been a lot of misunderstandings over the years on what was legal and illegal regarding planting food crops. He then asked Major LaCaze if he had anything in writing that could be distributed. Major LaCaze stated two brochures from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on mourning doves and baiting and waterfowl and baiting were distributed at the seminar and he had copies available. Commissioner Mouton asked if the Federal government came out with anything on "water buffaloeing". Major LaCaze stated the response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was that once a crop of rice was harvested from a field which leaves standing stubble and you want to flatten it or buffalo it to create openings for water and this was done before the second seed head was established on the stubble, then that was legal. Commissioner Mouton asked if that response cleared the questions that have been asked for the last several years? Major LaCaze stated it was fairly clear, but may not have been the answer some wanted to hear. Chairman Busbice asked for a copy of the baiting pamphlets. Major LaCaze added that anything recognized as normal, feasible agricultural practice would be okay to hunt dove over.

Chairman Busbice recognized Representative Karen St. Germain as attending the meeting.

On **DMAP & LADT Public Comments**, Mr. Dave Moreland stated the Wildlife Division received no comments other than requests from landowners wanting information and enrollment applications for the programs. Chairman Busbice asked when would the rule be ratified? Mr. Moreland stated it would be November. No public comments were heard.

Mr. Dave Moreland stated they have received no comments relative to the next item, **Public Comments - 2005 Turkey Season**. Commissioner Mouton asked for a map showing the changes in areas that will occur in 2005. No public comments were heard at this meeting.

Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Atchafalaya River Basin-Lake Verret-Palourde Complex began with Commissioner Henry Mouton stating he has received phone calls on this issue even before he was appointed on the Commission and was still receiving them now. He felt when calls are received from sportsmen on an issue that has not been visited in several years, it should be the Commission's job to look into it. The starting point for a Notice of Intent was to allow five fish 14 inches or greater and no more than five fish less than 14 inches. Commissioner Mouton then asked Mr. John Roussel and his staff to make their presentation on the item. Chairman Busbice asked if this was not discussed and voted on at the last meeting? Mr. Roussel stated a discussion, as information only, was conducted at the last meeting in which the Commission asked staff to prepare a Notice of Intent for this month. Mr. Roussel then stated the staff has an extensive slide presentation that would be given by Mr. Mike Walker.

Mr. Walker stated the regulations began in the Basin, Lakes Verret/Grassy/Palourde areas as an emergency following Hurricane Andrew in October 1992. In 1997, the regulation was enacted without a sunset clause. He then noted the regulation on Lake Fausse Point was enacted in 1999 to try to sway the deteriorating habitat and there has been no request to change that regulation. The next slide was on growth rates in the Basin and it showed highly variable rates between the years of 1994 through 2003 which were probably due to environmental influences. But, the growth rates were normal for the Basin. Then growth rates for the Verret/Grassy/Palourde area showed they were not as variable as in the Basin since it has a more stable environment. Also, the growth rates for Verret area were within the normal range. At this point, Mr. Walker explained what was a creel census and how it was conducted. A map was shown that indicated Basin landings available to conduct creel census. The landings were selected on a random basis. Staff goes 6 days a month to conduct these censuses, 4 weekend days and 2 week days. Time of the creel was also randomly selected, either 2 hours after sunrise or 4 hours before sunset and they stay 5 hours. During those 5 hours, all anglers were interviewed and their catch was measured and weighed. However, if an angler has a large ice chest of fish, some boats may not be interviewed. Mr. Walker added that they do not seek any angler for an interview for any special reason. One type of data collected from the creel census was length frequency of bass that were harvested. From the 1989 through 1991 timeframe, the 11 inch fish was the most harvested fish in the Basin. The next slide showed the harvest after the 14 inch minimum was implemented and the greatest pressure was on that 14 inch fish. Harvest per trip for bass anglers showed 89.5 percent harvested from 0 to 5 fish per trip before 1993 and 97.4 percent harvested from 0 to 5 fish per trip after the implementation of the regulation. Even with such a low number of harvest per trip, staff believes there was enough pressure to show a sharp decline in the length frequencies. Comparison of pounds

harvested per hour showed a few more smaller fish were taken prior to the regulation than from 1994-1996 and 2003. The next slide showed the harvest of pounds per hour before and after regulation implementation was nearly the same. Another fact from the adoption of the regulation was that more bass were being harvested greater than or equal to 14 inches than prior to regulation. Weight of fish taken by bass anglers went from 1.3 pounds to 2.01 pounds after regulation and for other anglers, the average weight of bass went from .75 pounds to 1.72 pounds. Mr. Walker reported that anglers, in 1997, indicated they would prefer harvesting larger fish in smaller numbers rather than harvesting smaller fish in larger numbers. Bass catch per hour was higher after implementing the 14 inch minimum regulation. Pie charts were shown that answered the question "There is currently a 14" minimum, 10 fish limit on bass in this area. If you were in charge of managing bass, what regulation would you prefer, if any?" The first showed, from a 2003 Basin survey, that 58 percent of all anglers preferred the 14 inch minimum while 83 percent favored some type of length restriction. From a 2001 survey on Henderson, 76 percent of all anglers favored a 14 inch minimum and 89 percent wanted some type of length restriction. For the Lake Verret area, a one week survey was conducted in 2004, asking where did anglers launch their boats, at a public ramp, was it kept at a camp or was it launched from a private ramp? From the 72 boats surveyed, 81 percent stated they launched from a public ramp. Then Mr. Walker asked about managing bass. From 26 camp anglers, 57 percent preferred the 14 inch minimum and 19 percent had no opinion. From the 92 non-camp anglers, 45 percent preferred the 14 inch minimum, 5 percent preferred no restriction, and 21 percent had no opinion. The next questions involved limits and 69 percent of all anglers favored the present limit of 10; 79 percent of just bass anglers wanted to keep the 10 fish limit while 5 percent were in favor of 5 fish under 14 inches and 5 fish over 14 inches. Of the anglers that favored the 14 inch minimum, 94 percent favored keeping the 10 fish limit. Mr. Walker then moved to predicting what may happen with different scenarios. With a 14 inch minimum, the catch rate would be higher than prior to no restrictions. The number of fish harvested per hour would go down as you increase the size restriction. The average weight of bass was 1.33 with no restriction, but would not get to the average that a 14 inch minimum regulation fish would get to. A chart on the length frequency with various regulations was shown next. The restriction of 14 inch minimum allowing 5 fish under was similar to the no restriction and this harvest would place a lot of pressure on the 11 and 12 inch fish. Summarizing what he presented, Mr. Walker stated again that fishermen are harvesting more fish above 14 inches now than before the regulation; average weight of harvested fish has gone from 1.33 to 2.01 pounds; catch rates have changed from 0.69 per hour prior to regulation to 1.02 per hour after regulation; and in 2003, 58 percent of all anglers preferred the 14 inch minimum in the Basin and 83 percent of all anglers wanted some type of length restriction. Recommendations were to continue with the 14 inch

minimum length limit, the 10 fish creel limit and continue with the same boundary lines.

Chairman Busbice felt Mr. Walker's presentation was very informative for the Commission. Commissioner Mouton asked how long does it take for a bass to grow from 12 to 14 inches? Mr. Walker stated an average 2 year old fish from the Basin was 11.7 inches and a 3 year old was right at 14 inches. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept a Notice of Intent allowing 5 fish under 14 inches and 5 fish 14 inches and over and then take public comments. There was no second to Commissioner Mouton's motion. Commissioner Stone asked if a motion was needed to continue the 14 inch minimum, 10 fish creel? Mr. Don Puckett stated that did not require any formal action. But he noted the Commission could accept public comments as a courtesy to those attending the meeting. Chairman Busbice asked for public comments.

Mr. Dan Brabham stated he has been following this topic for several years. He added he knew of a fisherman, from the early 1990's, that staff would not interview as well as others that had ice chests in their boat. This person was a past president of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Will Courtney, State Conservation Director for the Louisiana BASS Federation, stated there were between 600 and 800 active Federation members as well as 22,000 plus Federation members. Louisiana BASS Federation supports bass management based on sound biological science. Staff has repeatedly recommended a 14 inch minimum in the Basin which has helped keep a consistent number of fish. These consistent numbers has helped bring several large fishing tournaments to the Basin. Mr. Courtney felt the removal of the protection limit could result in the overfishing of young fish and a decline in fishing quality. The Federation urged the Commission to follow the biologists recommendation and not remove the 14 inch minimum.

Mr. Wayne Alleman, President of Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs as well as Secretary-Treasurer of Louisiana BASS Federation, stated he faxed to each Commissioner a letter on the topic. He then urged the Commission to follow the Department's recommendation.

Mr. Jerry Cuevas stated the Atchafalaya Basin has one of the finest resources available in the area and that was due to the regulation in place since Hurricane Andrew. He felt the younger fish needed to stay in the Basin so they could reach 14 inches or better. If the regulation was changed, Mr. Cuevas felt it would kill the Basin.

Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program was handled by Mr. Vince Guillory. He began quoting from Title 56, Section 332(N), which stated the Commission must designate an area for the

trap closure, who will pick up the traps, disposal sites for the traps and the beginning and ending dates for the closures. With the closure dates, two windows are provided, a 16 consecutive day period between February 1 and March 31 and up to a 14 consecutive day period associated with the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season. In 2004, two crab trap closures were held. A 16 day closure occurred in the upper Terrebonne Bay estuary from February 28 through March 14 and the other occurred in western Vermilion Bay from May 14 to May 22. Over 6600 traps were picked up in Terrebonne and 218 traps were picked up from Vermilion Bay. For 2005, four crab trap closures were proposed. The first would be a 10 day closure from 6 a.m. February 18 to 6 a.m. February 27 in a portion of Sabine Lake. Then there would be a closure in a portion of the Terrebonne Bay Estuary for 16 days from 6 a.m. March 5 to 6 a.m. March 20. The third site was a portion of the Breton Sound Estuary for 16 days from 6 a.m. February 26 to 6 a.m. March 13. The final site involves a portion of Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay for a 9 day period beginning at 6 a.m. on the opening day of the inshore shrimp season. Other regulations in the Notice of Intent included all remaining traps in a closure area during those specific times would be considered abandoned; anyone could retrieve an abandoned crab trap; traps can not be possessed outside the closure areas; the Secretary of the Department will authorize designated disposal sites; during winter closures, traps may be retrieved from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset; and there was no authorization to access private property. Then Mr. Guillory showed slides of the Sabine Lake closure area and stated it was 35,000 acres; the Terrebonne Bay Estuary area included 51,000 acres located primarily south of Cocodrie and Dulac; the Breton Sound Estuary closure area included 177,000 acres and was not all utilized by crab fishermen; and the Vermilion Bay/West Cote Blanche Bay area included 114,000 acres and a portion also was not utilized by crab fishermen. All four closure areas totaled 378,000 acres which was similar to last years two closures. Mr. Guillory then explained that the Sabine Lake closure corresponded with a Texas crab trap closure occurring at the same time. The other sites were chosen due to the high concentrations of crab traps. Next, he explained that winter closures were more cost effective and efficient and commercial crab catch rates are lower in the winter as reasons for picking three winter closures and one spring closure. The three small winter closures were picked since it will allow different groups of volunteers the opportunity to participate; the volunteers prefer working closer to a disposal site and would not venture to the farthest points of the closure area; and this helps to facilitate allocation of Department resources.

Commissioner Mouton asked if he could grab derelict crab traps outside of a closure period? Mr. Guillory answered no, outside of a closure period, only the owner of a trap can possess it. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Guillory to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments,

Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM September 2, 2004

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful, with 6,894 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2005 abandoned crab trap removal program for four crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal

Ms. Marianne Burke stated she would present the **National Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation**. Information on the history of this Day was included in the Commissioner's packet. This event occurs on the 4th Saturday in September every year. This will be the 20th event for Louisiana. Ms. Burke hoped to have new events this year at the four locations throughout the State which are all hosted by Department staff. She noted she has proclamations from the Mayor of Baton Rouge and Governor of the State. Ms. Burke then read the Therefore portion of the Proclamation.

(The full text of the Proclamation is made a part of the record.)

State of Louisiana



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisianians are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish, and seafood that hunters, fishers and commercial industries have long appreciated and recognized the need to conserve; and

WHEREAS, revenues raised by sportsmen and commercial industries have successfully returned some animal species that faced extinction or were threatened or endangered by environmental conditions often imposed by people to healthy populations; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing \$1.99 billion to conservation programs during the past year through license fees and excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 36.4 percent of all Louisianians participate in some type of fish or wildlife-related activity; and

WHEREAS, latest figures indicate that Louisianians directly spend \$1.4 billion on hunting, fishing and other wildlife-associated recreation, and the total economic effect of wildlife related recreational activities, including

hunting and non-consumptive usage, in Louisiana is almost \$3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana residents have spent \$61.4 million on fishing and hunting licenses during the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species, making Louisiana's marine fisheries one of the most important in the nation with more than 1.3 billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of approximately \$340 million, with more than 30,000 people directly and indirectly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling, and distribution of Louisiana seafood;

THEREFORE, I, Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, State of Louisiana, on the 2nd day of September 2004, hereby proclaim Saturday, September 25, 2004 as Louisiana's

**20th ANNUAL
NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

throughout the state of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry and in acknowledgement of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **January 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, January 6, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was any chance of opening dove season in the morning for the first split? Commissioner Denmon stated hunters tried dove hunting at daylight for a year or two and they did not like it. So, as a compromise, they changed it to permit hunting at noon on opening weekends.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated he passed out a sample resolution for possible consideration at the next meeting on a proposed Constitutional Amendment to guarantee every Louisiana citizen the freedom to hunt, fish and trap that would be on the November 2 ballot. He then asked for an endorsement by the Commission for that Amendment. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Puckett to prepare a resolution for the Commission to act upon.

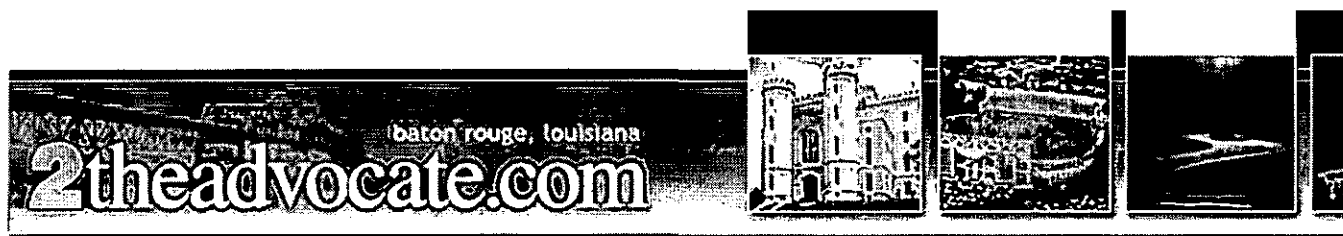
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Mr. Don Puckett stated, on the Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation, the Commission needed to make a motion, a second and then vote on it. Commissioner Denmon asked if the action was to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proclamation and Mr. Puckett answered yes. Commissioner Denmon made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Denmon made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner King.

Dwight Landreneau
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Bass plan rejected by LWFC

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A move to change the black bass management plan in the Atchafalaya Basin and nearby waters of Lake Verret was turned aside at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Lafayette commission member Henry Mouton made the motion to modify the plan. For the last 12 years, state regulations have called for a 14-inch minimum size for "keeper" bass in the basin and adjacent waterways.

State fisheries biologists say the size limit allows bass to spawn for two years.

Mouton said he was contacted by Lafayette fishermen to change the management scheme. His solution was to allow five bass measuring less than 14 inches in a daily 10-bass creel.

"We need to respond to the public in issues like this," Mouton said.

In a 20-minute presentation, state fisheries biologist Mike Walker cited Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' surveys and biological data that showed anglers preferred the 14-inch minimum, and that a five-bass-under-the-size-limit would have the effect of having no size limit on basin bass.

Walker said data showed anglers are catching as many pounds of bass per hour under the plan than they were before the plan was implemented after the August 1992 passage of Hurricane Andrew killed an estimated 5 million bass in that area.

Mouton's motion to change the plan failed for the lack of a second from the other six commission members.

In other action, the LWFC approved a Notice of Intent for four proposed crab-trap closures/removal periods in 2005. Included in the second year of the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program are Sabine Lake during Feb. 18-27, 51,000 acres in the southern section of the Terrebonne Bay estuary for March 5-

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20, a 177,000-acre portion of Breton Sound during a Feb. 26-March 13 period and a 114,000 acres area in Vermilion Bay for a period in May during a yet-unspecified portion of the 2005 spring inshore shrimp season.

Program director Vince Guillory told the LWFC that more than 6,800 traps were removed from state waters in two closures earlier this year.

There is a 120-day public-comment period before the LWFC ratifies dates and locations at its Jan. 6, 2005 meeting.

Other meeting items included news that state enforcement agents issued 1,261 citations and 353 written warnings during August; that four agents were honored for their meritorious actions during 2003; that the Wildlife Division received no public comment on proposed changes in the Deer Management Assistance and Landowner Antlerless Deer Tagging programs; and, a vote to proclaim Sept. 25 as the state's 20th-annual National Hunting and Fishing Day.

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**COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL**

Thursday, September 2, 2004
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	—
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	—
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	—
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	—
Earl King	<u>✓</u>	—
Bobby Samanie	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA
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10:00 AM

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Burke
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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

AUGUST, 2004

REGION 1: MINDEN**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
DESOTO**

TOTAL CASES	53
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating Safety
17	Angling W/O Resident License
2	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
11	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Take Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Possession Live Alligators W/O Permit
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Illegal Possession Marijuana
3	Littering
1	Operate ATV On Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 11	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating Safety
3	Angling W/O License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
49 Black Bass (Donated); 1 Marijuana Cigarette (Joint) (Turned Over To Crime Lab); 1 Partially Smoked Joint (Roach) (Turned Over To Crime Lab); 1 Black Bass (Returned To Water); 2 Live Alligators (Released Into Wild)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
00	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
03	Littering
06	Miscellaneous
33	Recreational Fishing
00	State Hunting/Trapping
11	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
01	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,
OUACHITA, RICHALND,
UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	103
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
56	Boating
4	Littering
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
6	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
20	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Violate Gear License Rules And Regulations
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	DWI (Boat)
2	Possession Of Alcohol Under 21 Years Of Age
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Resisting Officer By Flight
1	No Fresh Products License
1	Possess Undersize Catfish
1	Failure To Maintain Records

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 23	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Failure To Have PFD On Child Under 13
5	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
7	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
8	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Improper Running Lights

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
15-Pounds Of Channel Catfish; 1-8.5 Feet Cast Net; 21-Crappie; 4-Yellow Bass; 1-Largemouth Bass; 2-Black Bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
58	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
26	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping

23	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists And Boaters)

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHES,
RAPIDES, SABINE,
VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	135
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
44	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Sell W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Hunt Alligators Closed Season
1	Hunt Alligators W/O A License
1	Illegal Possession Of Alligator Hide
3	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Over Limit Of Freshwater Game Fish
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
1	Operate ATV During ATV Closure
5	Operate ATV On A Public Road

1	Possession Of A Spotted Fawn
1	Interfering With An Officer
2	Disturbing The Peace
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
4	Possession Of Alcohol Underage
5	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
2	Theft / Under \$300
1	Criminal Trespass
14	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 15	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating
7	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
3	Angling W/O A License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
18 Bass, 1 Alligator Hide, 1 Spotted Fawn.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
44	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
14	Littering
25	Miscellaneous
46	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLLIN,
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	23
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating Safety Violations
7	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
3	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Taking Fish Illegally
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Obstruction Of Justice

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	No Boat Registration In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
14' Aluminum Boat; 25 Hp. Motor; 48 Catfish

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
11	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS**

TOTAL CASES	140
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
10	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally – Bass Cast Net
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take Or Possess U/S Red Drum (Rec.)
1	Take Or Possess U/S Black Drum (Rec.)
1	Take /Possess Red Drum In EEZ
2	Commission Rules/Regulations – Red Snapper (Rec.) Overlimit
3	Commission Rules/Regulations – Mackerel (Rec.) Overlimit
1	Commission Rules/Regulations – Mackerel (Com.) Overlimit
4	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Take Or Sell Com. Fish Or Bait Species W/O Com. License
3	Take Com. Fish W/O Com. Gear License (Trawl)

8	Sell And Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
4	Fail To Maintain Records
3	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
2	Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs 10%, Commercial
2	Hunting Doves Closed Season
1	Take Or Possess Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season
7	Littering
3	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road
2	Miscellaneous Federal Violations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 12	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Expired Boat Registration Certification
1	Improper Boat Numbers
6	Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements
3	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
10 Rods And Reels; 2 Cast Nets; 4 U/S Black Drum; 1 U/S Red Drum; 3 Red Drum Destroyed; 22 Bream Destroyed; 1 Crappie Destroyed; 2 Black Bass Destroyed; 3 U/S Black Bass RTW; 309 U/S Spanish Mackerel; 5 Crates Of U/S Crabs RTW; 112 Crabs RTW; 245 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$268.50; 1 Dove; 12 Ga. Shotgun; 12-12 Ga. Spent Shotgun Shells; Litter – Cans, Bags, Couch, Letters, Plastic Cups, Beer Bottles, Women's Shorts (Held As Evidence)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
40	Boating
33	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
7	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
52	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE, LAFAYETTE,
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,
W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	246
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
76	Boating
11	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
14	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
123	Angling W/O License
9	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License
3	Take/Possess Overlimit Freshwater Gamefish
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take/Possess Game Fish Illegally
3	Littering
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
34	Boating

1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
74	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
26	Angling W/O License In Possession
7	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Commission Rules/Regulations
15	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
11 Rod and Reels, 28 Black Bass, 3 Resident Fishing Licenses, 57 Crappie, 2 Red Drum, 1 Large Swimming Pool Cover, 1 Alligator, 3 Black Drum

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
76	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
164	Recreational Fishing

0	State Hunting/Trapping
159	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	141
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
78	Boating (7-DWI's) (1-Hit and Run)
34	Angling Without Resident License
3	Angling Without Non-Resident License
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational License
1	Sell Fish Without Retail License
1	Commercial Fisherman Sells To Consumer Without Fresh Product License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
7	Fail To Report Commercial Fishery Data
1	Attempt To Obtain Commercial License By Fraud
1	Injuring Public Records
3	Sell Undersize Crabs (10 % - 19 %)
5	Sell Undersize Crabs Over 20%
1	Possess Undersize Crabs ((10 % - 19 %)
1	Fail To Mark Crab Containers
1	Violate Commercial Rules And Regulations—Undersize Shark
1	Attempt To Sell Deer Parts

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 28	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Angling Without License
13	No Self Clearing Permit
10	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
11-Crates Of Undersize Crabs (Returned To Water) 1-Undersize Shark (Disposed Of Due To Lack Of Refrigeration)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL 169	DESCRIPTION
78	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
-	Federal Migratory
-	Littering
-	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
28	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL 12	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance 9-Assist Vessels 3-Assist Motorist On Highway

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	201
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
23	Boating
70	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
7	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take or Possess Game Fish Illegally
1	Take/Possess O/L Red Drum
1	Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess of 27"
4	Fail To Have Fish Intact
4	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
5	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Red Snapper
1	Obtain License Or Engage In Activity During Revocation Period
2	Take/Possess U/S Or O/L Cm. Fish
2	Commission Rules And Regulations Grouper

1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
6	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
4	Trawling In Closed Season
11	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
5	Failure To Have Written Permission
7	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
6	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
5	Take Oysters Closed Season
1	Violate Sanitation Code(Log Book)
1	Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
2	Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit
1	Buy Or Sell F.B.A. W/O Buyers License(Res.)
1	Sell Non-Game Quadrupeds Meat C/S
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
5	Littering
2	Operating A Vessel While Intoxicated
3	Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season
2	Miscellaneous Federal Violations

3	Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 21	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
6	Boating
6	Angling W/O A License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
2	Commission Rules And Regulations (Snapper)
1	Sell Fish Caught Recreationally

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned To Water.....Shrimp(40 Lbs.); Oyster Sacks(135) Sold @ Bid.....Shrimp(680 Lbs.); Catfish(163 Lbs.); Donated.....Red Drum(26); Spotted Sea Trout(44); Black Drum(4); Alligator(2); Alligator Head(1); Catfish(617); Perch(8); Flounder(2); White Trout(2); Soft Shell Crab(80); Raccoons(40); Fish Fillets(49 Lbs.); Mackerel(5); Red Snapper(33); Hardware Confiscated.....Skimmers(4); Trawl(2); Crab Trap(2); Rod And Reels(5); Oyster Dredges(4); Ice Chest(2); Rifle(1); Comm. License(1); Comm. Gear Lic.(1); Vessel(2); Dredges(4)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
23	Boating
51	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
106	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
21	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES,
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE,
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	219
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
41	Boating
65	Angling Without Basic Fishing License
2	Fishing Without Resident Pole License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
10	Angling Without Saltwater License
3	Take Undersize Bowfin (Choupique)
6	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational)
2	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
5	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
3	Take Over Limit Black Drum (Recreational)
3	Not Abiding By Commission Rules Recreational Finfish (Over Limit Black Drum)
1	Engage Activity During Revocation
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
7	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License

3	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Oyster Dredges)
4	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Butterfly Nets)
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License (Crab Traps)
4	Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License
1	Illegal Possession Of Game Fish (Red Drum)
3	Leave Nets Unattended
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
2	Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)
4	Trawling Inside Waters With Oversized Double Rigs
2	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
2	Use Illegal Butterfly Nets Extension
3	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
3	Harvest Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License
1	Violate Sanitary Code – Refrigeration
3	Violate Sanitary Code – Log Book
2	Hunting Without Resident License
1	Not Abiding WMA Rules And Regulations (Using Butterfly Nets)

1	Not Abiding WMA Rules And Regulations (Commercial Fishing)
2	Not Abiding WMA Rules And Regulations (Using Skimmer Nets)
1	Not Abiding WMA Rules And Regulations (Illegal Hours)
1	Not Abiding WMA Rules And Regulations (Using Crab Traps)
4	DWI (Boat)
1	Possession Of Alcohol By Person Under 21
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Child Endangerment
1	Criminal Damage Of State Property
2	Criminal Trespass
5	Littering
1	Theft Of Crab Traps

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 83	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
56	Boating
17	Angling Without Basic Fishing License
2	Fishing Without Resident Cane Pole License
3	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational)
3	Commission Rules And Regulations (Recreational) Gray Snapper

1	Take Undersized Black Drum
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1222 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$1,786.70; 95 Lbs. Shrimp; 3 Alligators; 8 Black Bass; 78 Black Drum; 16 Red Drum; 9 Speckled Trout; 1 Croaker; 1 Catfish; 56 Sacks Oysters; 4 Choupique; 280 Lbs. Crabs; 11 Gray Snappers; 36 Cans Beer; 6 Skimmer Nets; 3 Butterfly Nets; 3 Trawl Nets; 3 Boats And Motors (Paper Seizure); 1 Ice Chest; 2 Oyster Log Books; 51 Oyster Tags; 2 Crab Traps

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL 302	DESCRIPTION
41	Boating
58	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
103	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
83	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
14	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	26
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
14	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Unleased State Water Bottoms
2	Violate Sanitary Code (Refrigeration)
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Log Book)
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Tarp)
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
2	Take Or Possess Oysters Without An Oyster Harvester License
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial License
2	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial Gear License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Fail To Comply With PFD Requirements

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
2	Angling Without A Basic License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
185 Sacks Of Oysters	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
25	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
5	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	40
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Sell or Buy Fish Without Retail License
1	Fail To Mark Crab Containers
4	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs
3	Sell Undersize Crabs (10%- 19%)
5	Take over The Limit Large Coastal Sharks
5	Cutting Off Shark Fins and Discarding Carcasses
6	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
6	Possess Disproportionate Amount Of Fins To Large Coastal Sharks
1	Sell Non-Game Quadruped Meat (Closed Season)
1	Sell Fur Bearing Animals Without Resident License
1	Fail To Complete Log Book
1	Sell Disproportionate Fins To Carcasses

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
11 Crates of Live Crabs (Returned To Water); 10 Boiled Crabs (Destroyed-Unfit For Consumption); 40 Raccoon Carcasses (Destroyed-Unfit For Consumption); 130 Soft Shell Crabs (Donated); 1,125 Pounds Of Shark (Sold); 3,380 Pounds Of Shark Carcasses (Sold)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
38	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	8
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A Basic License Non-Resident
1	Commission Rules And Regulations – U/S Cobia
1	Violate Recreational Gear License – Crab Traps
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	U/S Red Snapper – Federal
3	No Federal Shrimp Permit

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Crab Trap; 2 Red Snapper; 1-27” Cobia

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

****Note: 128 Hours Run**

205 Boats Checked

REFUGE PATROL**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATEWILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	31
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
6	Angling W/O A License
2	Take Or Possess U/S Black Drum (Rec.)
4	Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channel Or Entrance To Stream.
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License.
8	Not Abide By Rules And Regulations On A W.M.A.

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
2	Failure To Comply With Visual Distress Signals
2	Angling W/O A Basic Fishing License (Not In Poss.)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 Crab Traps; 2 Black Drum

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
5	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance 6 Stranded Vessels Towed To Safe Harbor 2 Stranded Motorist(Flat Tire And Dead Battery)

TOTAL CASES: 1,261

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 353

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 77

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
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Hrs. - 31.7

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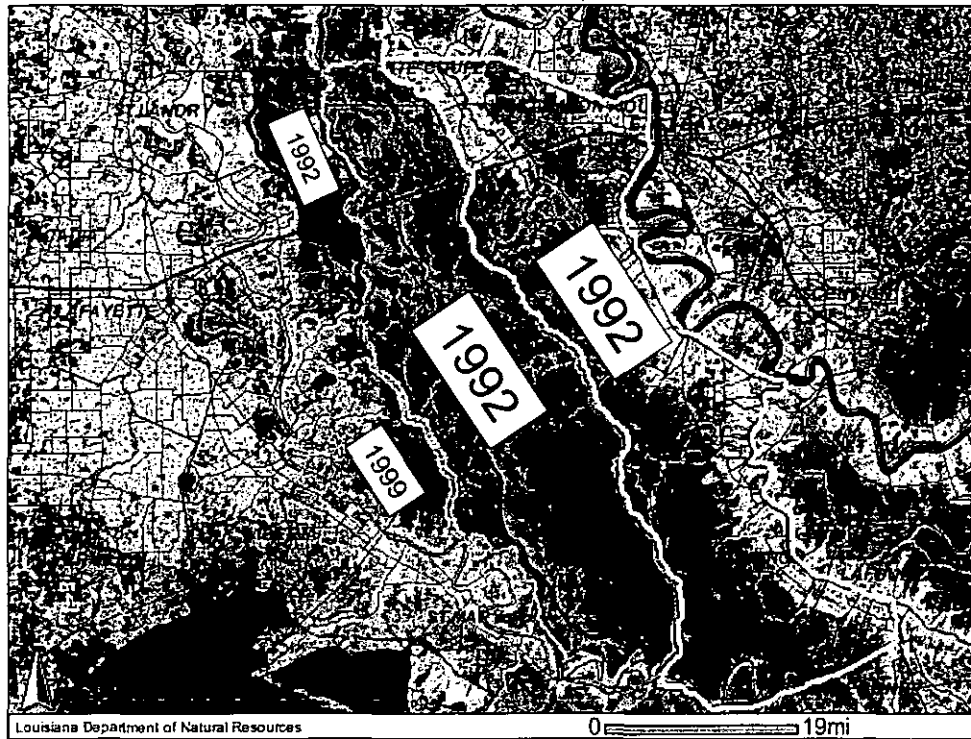
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Other Division - 33.5

Total Plane Use - 77.9



Discussion of the 14" minimum 10 fish creel limit regulations on the Atchafalaya Basin, Lakes Verret/Grassy/Palourde and Henderson.



There are four distinct areas with the regulation.

The regulation for the Basin, VGP and Henderson began in Oct. 1992 as an emergency action after Andrew.

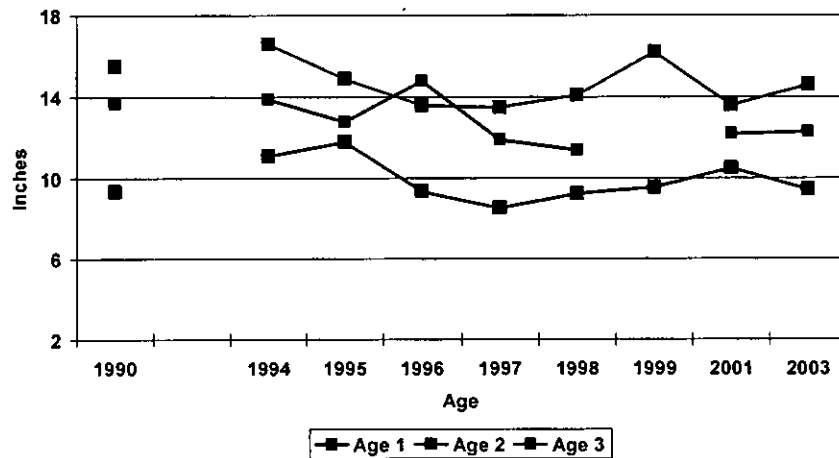
The regulation was enacted in March of 1993 and again in March of 1995 with a sunset clause.

In March of 1997 the regulation was enacted without a sunset clause.

Lake Fausse Point regulation began in 1999 at the request of local anglers in an attempt to reduce the continuing effect of deteriorating habitat conditions.

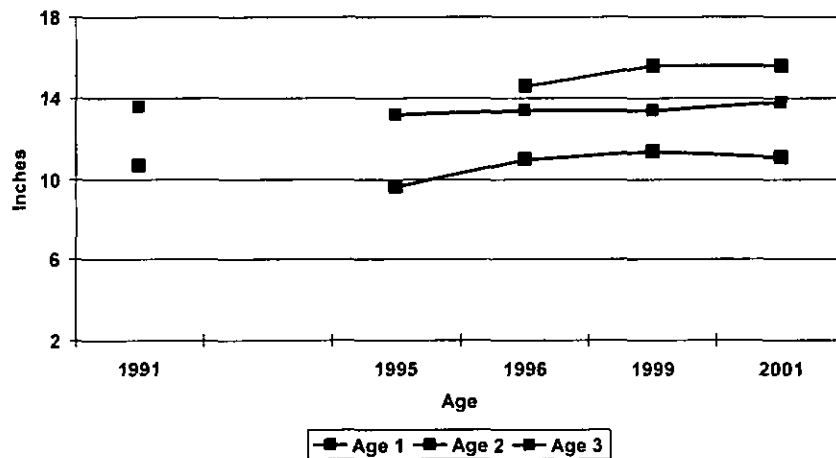
At this time there have been no requests to make changes in the Fausse Pt. Regulations.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN Largemouth Bass Length at Capture



The growth rates in the Atchafalaya Basin are variable between years probably due more to environmental influences than any other thing. These growth rates for bass in the basin are within the normal range.

VERRET/GRASSY/PALOURDE Largemouth Bass Length at Capture



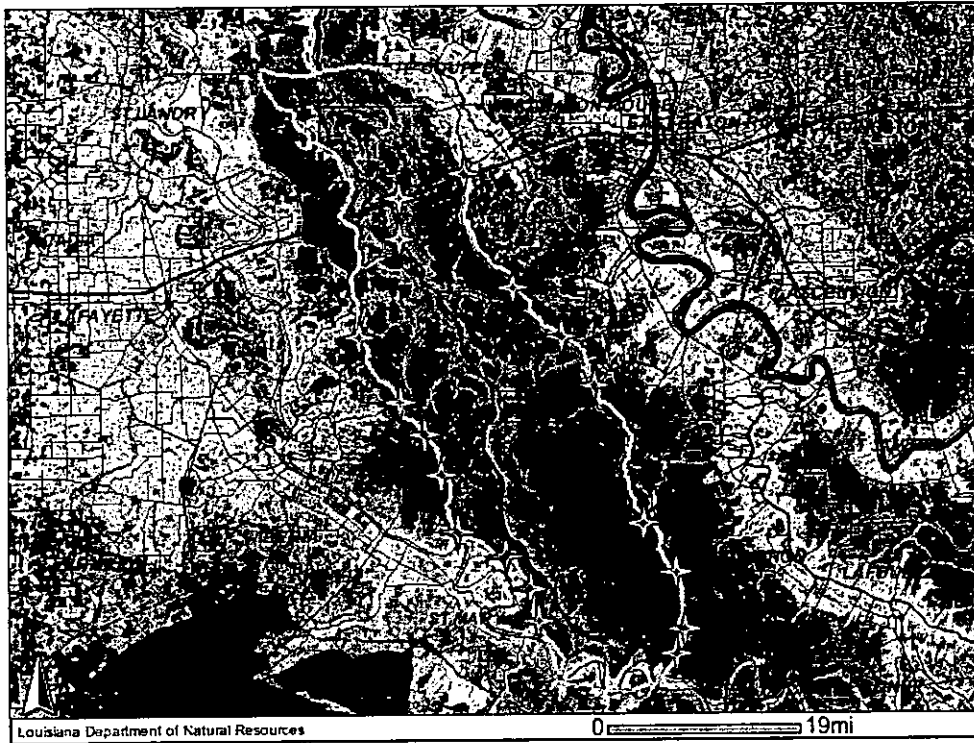
The growth rates in the Verret complex are not as variable as in the basin probably due to a more stable environment with smaller fluctuations in water levels.

These growth rates for bass in the Verret system are within the normal range.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN CREEL CENSUS

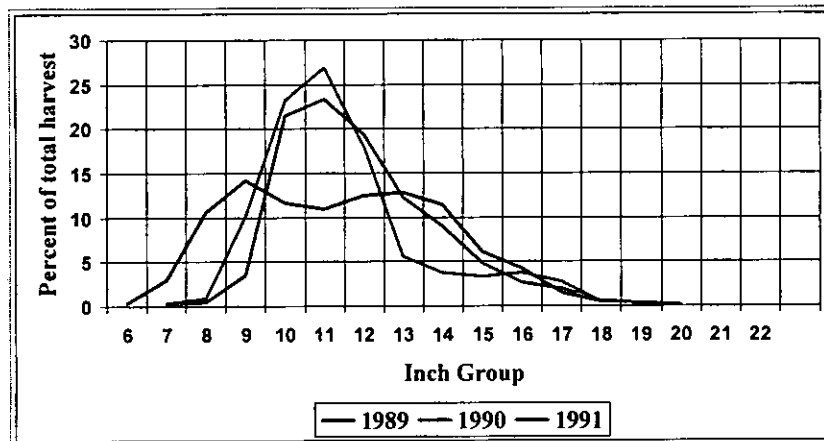
What is creel census and how is it
done?

Explain site, days, time selection and fish information gathered.



3 districts and 3 universities to cover all of these sites.

Atchafalaya Basin Creel Largemouth Bass Harvest

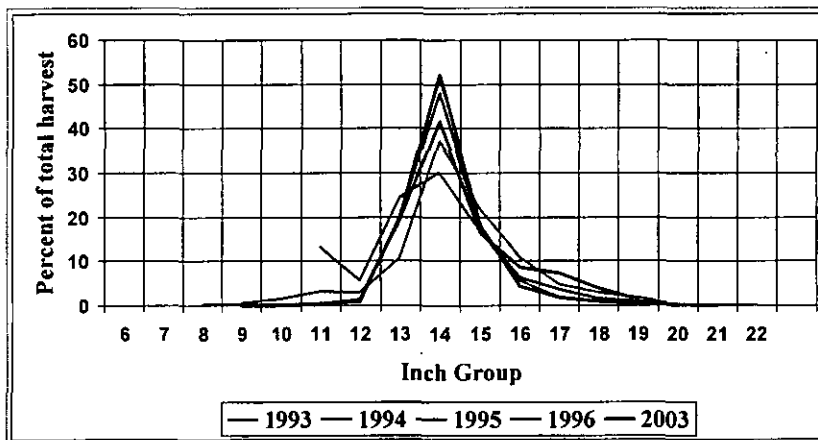


All anglers

This shows what is harvested without a minimum length restriction in the basin.

The drop of percent of harvest after the 12" class reflects the pressure on small fish prior to regulation.

Atchafalaya Basin Creel Largemouth Bass Harvest

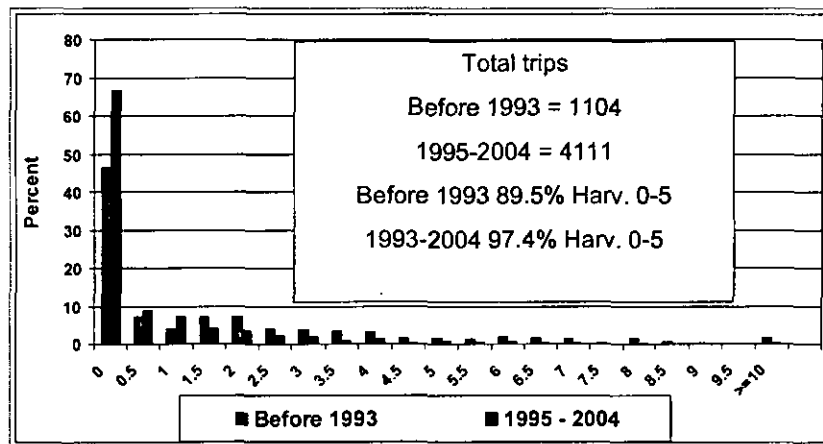


All anglers

This shows the bass lengths harvested with a minimum length restriction in the basin.

The percent of bass harvested above 14" drops sharply for the longer lengths and reflects the harvest pressure on 14" bass.

Atchafalaya Basin Creel Average Number of Bass Harvested per Trip Bass Anglers

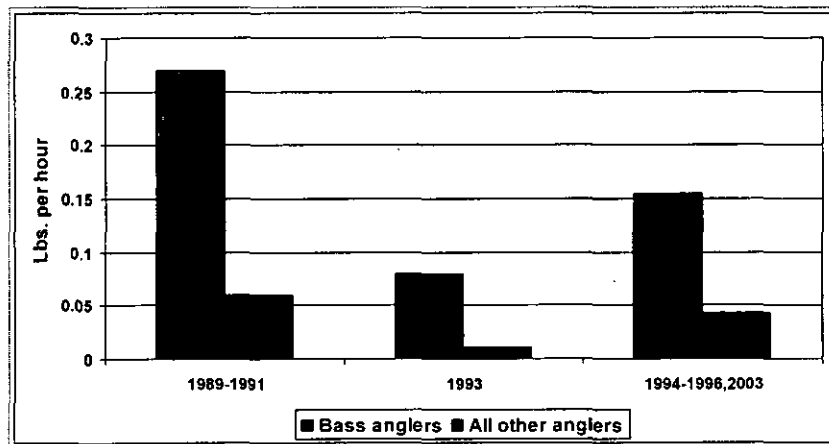


This represents the number of bass harvested per angler per trip.

90 to 97 % of anglers harvest from 0 to 5 fish.

It is believed that there are enough total anglers for these percentages to have an impact on the structure of the bass population.

Atchafalaya Basin Creel Largemouth Bass Pounds Harvested per Hour



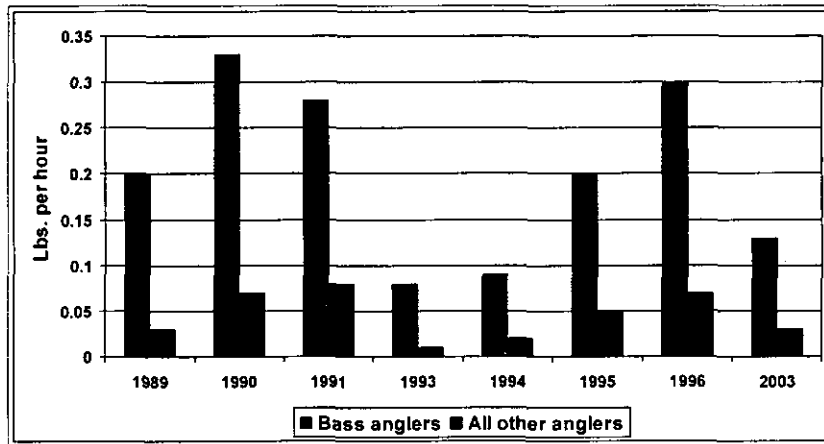
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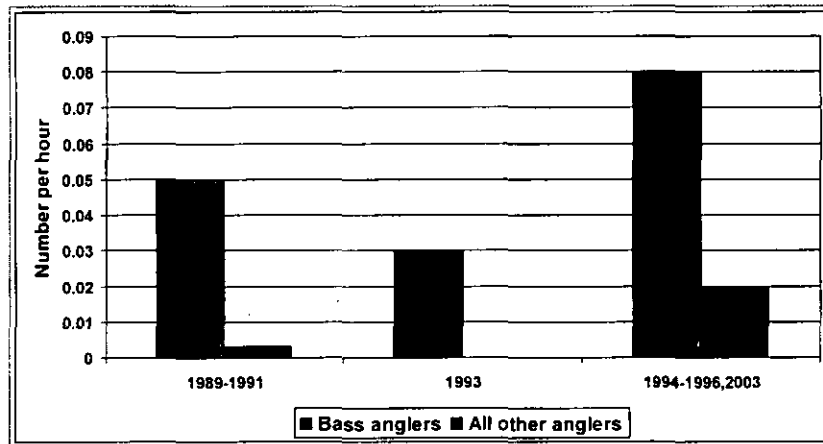


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Atchafalaya Basin Creel Largemouth Bass ≥ 14 in. Harvested per Hour

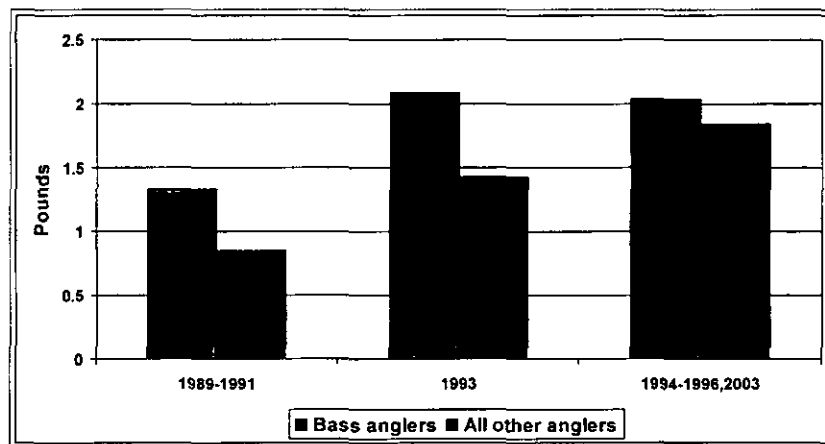


The harvest rate is bass that are taken home.

The harvest rate was lower initially following the effects of the hurricane.

The fishermen said they wanted to harvest more big fish and they are.

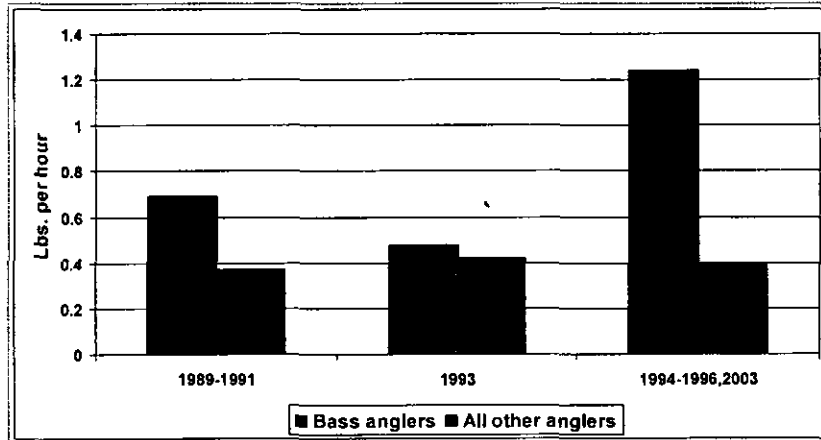
Atchafalaya Basin Creel Average Weight of Largemouth Bass Harvested



The average weight of bass harvested went from 1.72 lbs to 2.01 lbs after the minimum length regulation.

What the anglers indicated to Inland Fisheries Division was that they preferred harvesting these larger fish in smaller numbers for the same pounds per hour harvest while at the same time having a high catch and release rate of smaller bass.

Atchafalaya Basin Creel Largemouth Bass Caught per Hour



Catch per hour is the sum of bass released per hour and bass harvested (taken home) per hour.

The catch per hour of bass is higher following the 14" minimum.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN CREEL CENSUS

Opinions collected.

THE QUESTION!

There is currently a 14" minimum, 10 fish limit on bass in this area. If you were in charge of managing bass, what regulation would you prefer, if any?

Landings are selected on a random basis from all basin landings based on the use of the landing. Higher use landings are visited more often.

Six days per month, 4 weekend days and 2 week days, are randomly selected for creel days.

The time of the creel is randomly selected for either morning, 2 hours after sunrise, or evening, 4 hours before sunset.

5 hours are spent at each landing. If there are fewer than 4 trailers at a ramp, the census is taken at the next closest ramp.

All anglers are interviewed in the order of their appearance at the boat ramp. No one is specially targeted or ignored.

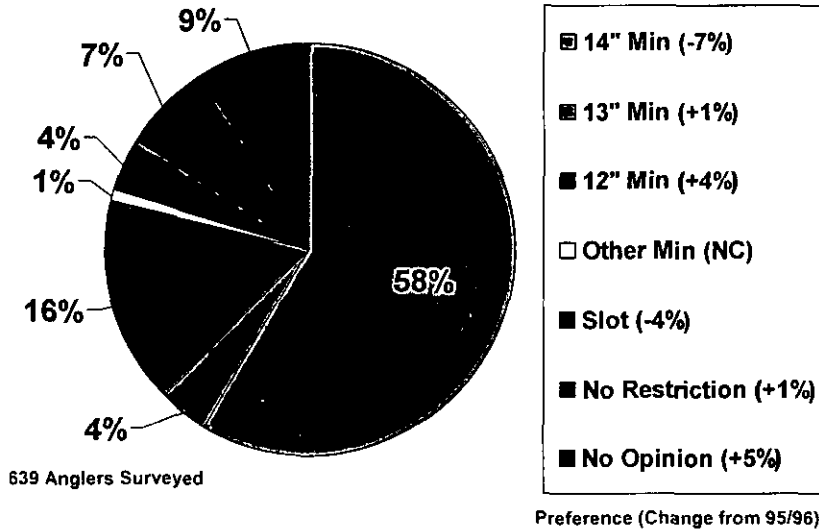
A bass angler is an angler that states that he is fishing for bass only. Any angler that states more than one targeted species is listed as "Anything that bites". Likewise an angler that states he is fishing for crappie or bream or catfish is listed as a crappie, bream or catfish angler.

Largemouth bass and white and black crappie are measured and weighed individually. Other fish are counted and weighed for total weight of the sample.

If an angler has numerous fish some anglers may escape being interviewed. Then the next angler to arrive is interviewed.

Opinions concerning management regulations are often collected from all anglers regardless of the species that they are targeting.

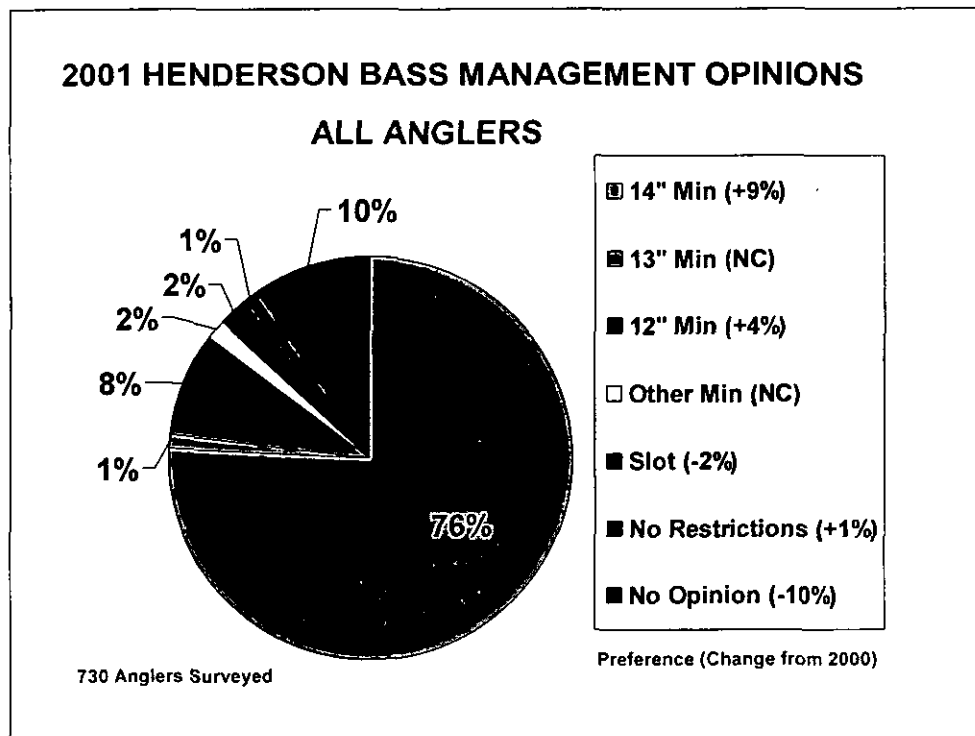
2003 BASIN BASS MANAGEMENT OPINIONS ALL ANGLERS



A survey taken in 2003 at creel sites surrounding the basin reflects similar percentages that existed in 1995 and 1996.

58% of all anglers would regulate bass fishing in the basin with the 14" minimum.

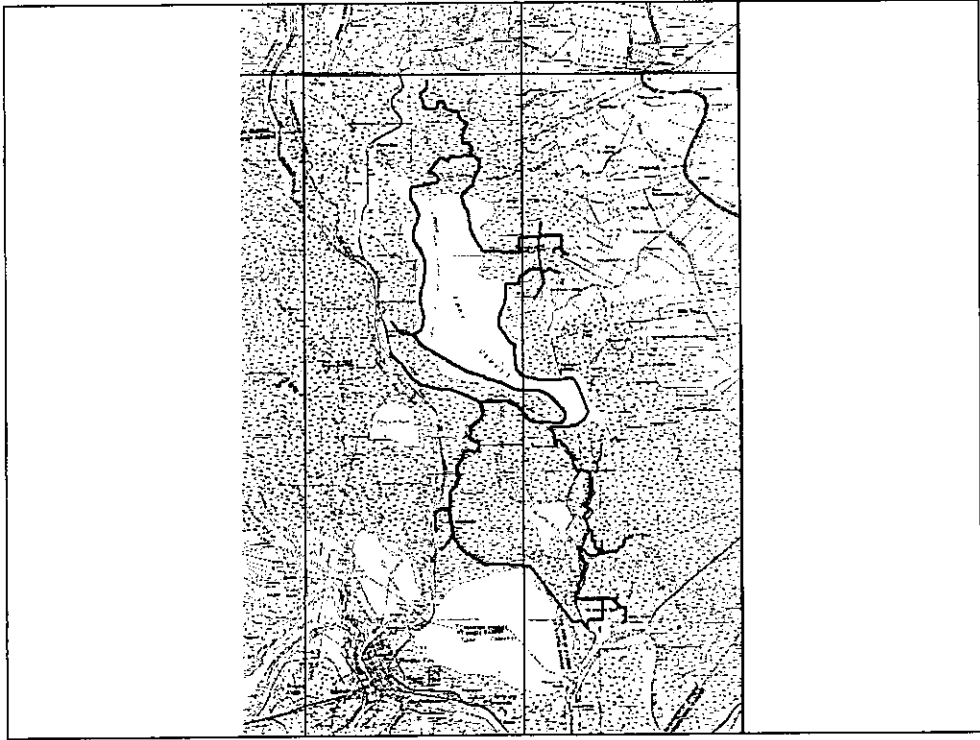
83% of all anglers wished for some type of length restriction while only 7% favored no length restriction.



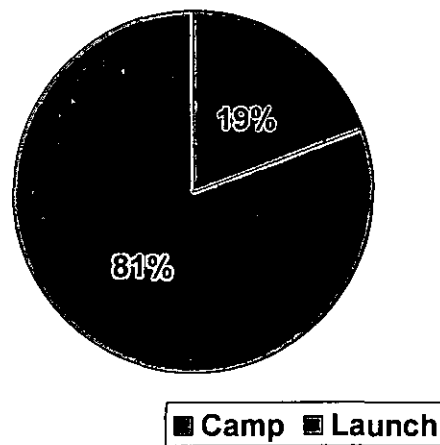
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62% of bass anglers would regulate bass fishing in the basin with the 14" minimum.

Still 90% of bass anglers wished for some type of length restriction while only 5% favored no length restriction.



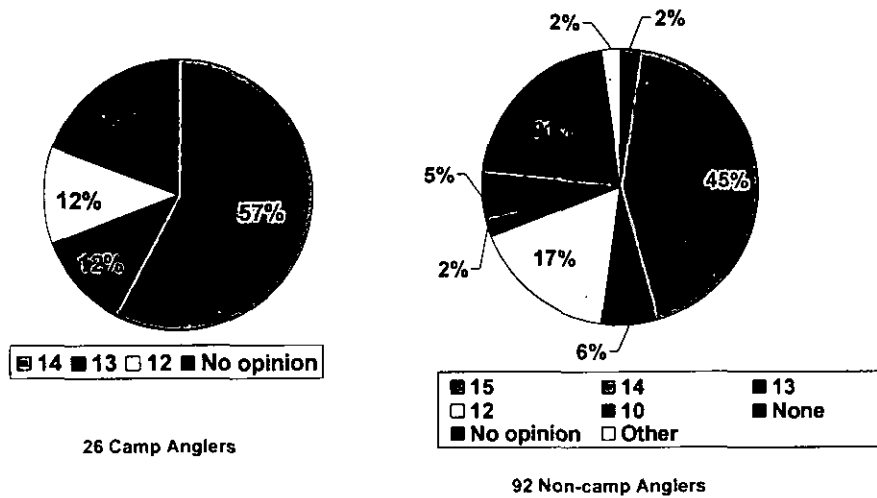
**2004 VERRET/GRASSY/PALOURDE
ROVING SURVEY OF ALL ANGLERS**



72 Boats Surveyed

Of 72 boats in the Verret/Grassy/Palourde system this was the percentage that kept their boat at a camp or launched their boat at their camp versus the percent that trailed their boat to a public boat launch that day.

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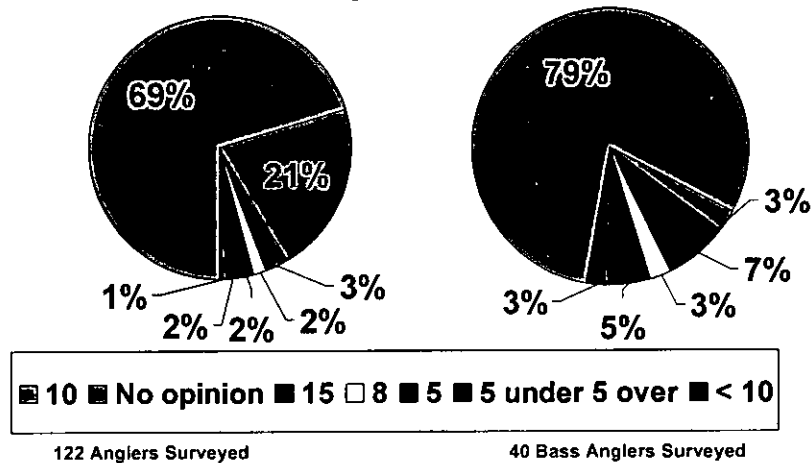


45% non-camp anglers preferred the 14" minimum while 5% preferred no length regulations.

57% of camp anglers preferred the 14" minimum and none were against it.

**2004 VERRET/GRASSY/PALOURDE
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Limit Regulation Preference

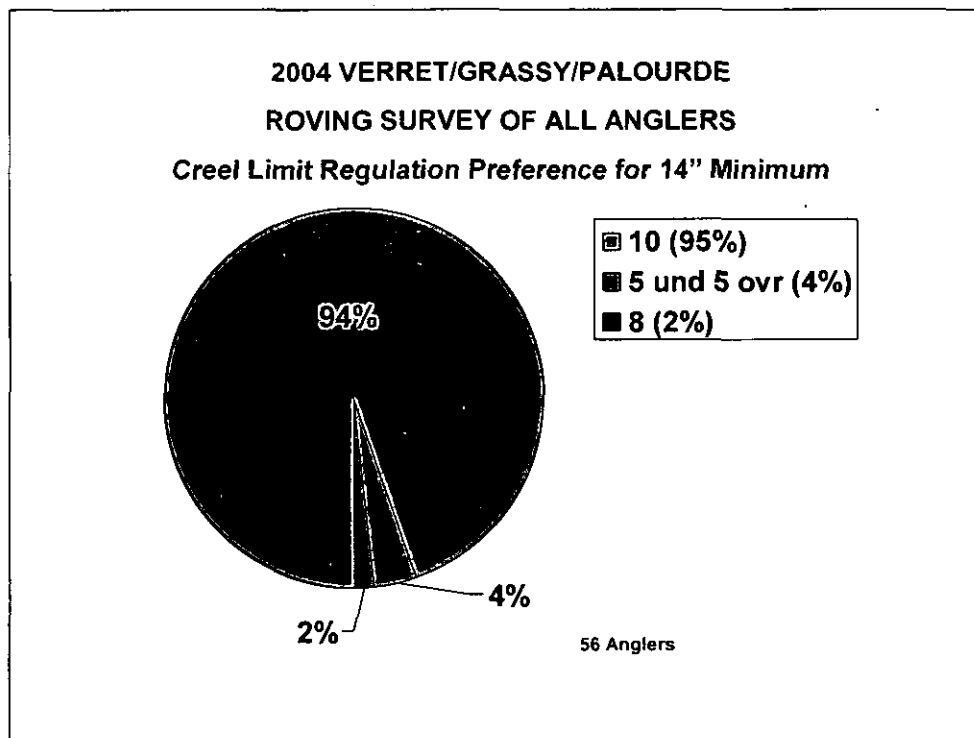


122 Anglers Surveyed

40 Bass Anglers Surveyed

69% of all anglers surveyed favored the present limit regulations.

79% of bass anglers favored keeping the present limit regulations and 5% were for 5 under and 5 over.



Of the anglers that favored the 14" minimum 94% wanted the 10 fish limit and 4% wanted a 5 under and 5 over limit.

2% wanted to decrease the limit to 8.

That's the end of our presentation on data collected and now we're moving to predictions of what may happen with different changes to the present regulations.

PROJECTED CATCH STATISTICS

Atchafalaya Basin

Largemouth Bass Caught by Bass Anglers

	No. caught/hr.	No. harvested/hr.	Lbs. harvested/hr.	Av. Weight lbs.	Bass anglers favoring
no restrictions	0.69	0.21	0.27	1.33	5
12" min.	0.75	0.21	0.28	1.36	15
13" min.	0.9	0.19	0.29	1.45	7
14" w/5 under	0.69	0.21	0.27	1.33	unk
14" min.	1.02	0.11	0.21	2.01	62

The shaded area is actual data.

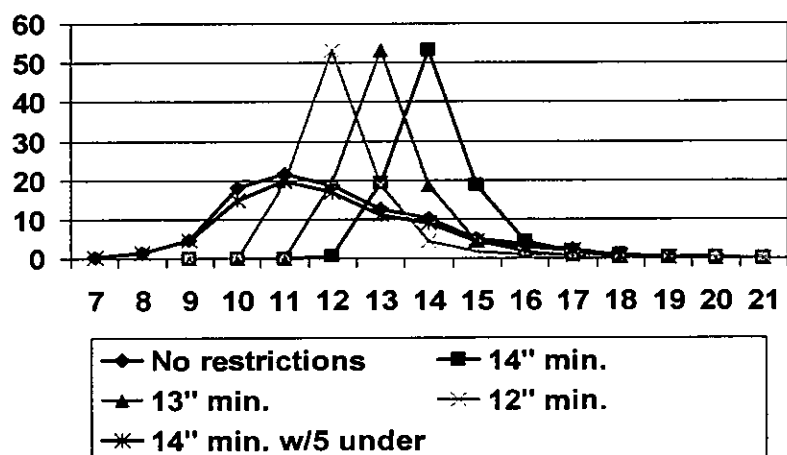
The unshaded is predicted data based on actual data.

Read the data.

PROJECTED CATCH STATISTICS

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN

Largemouth Bass Harvest by Bass Anglers



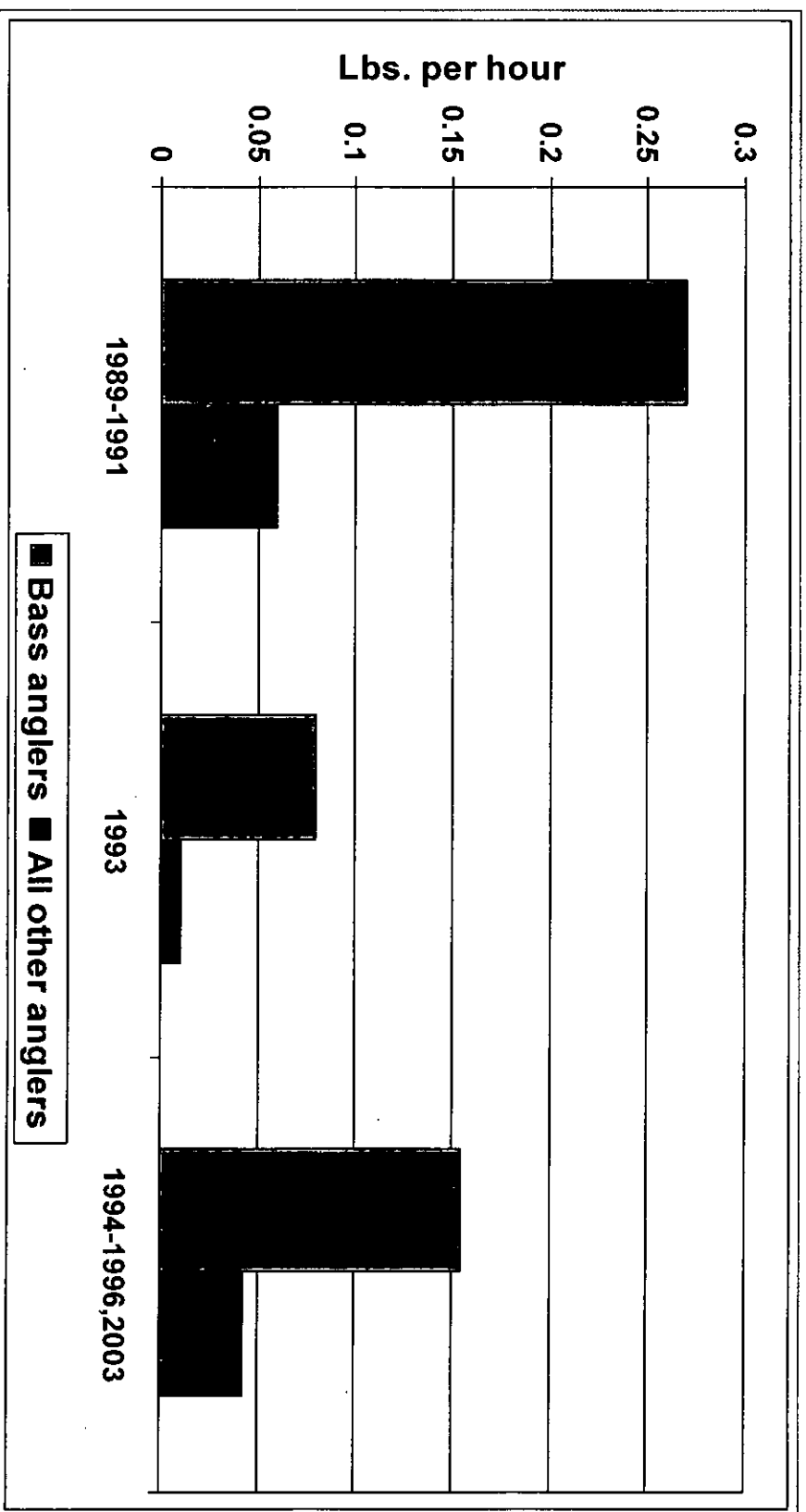
The data for no restrictions and for the 14" minimum is actual data.
The other lines are predictions based on the actual data.

- **Fishermen are harvesting more fish above 14" now than before the regulation.**
- **The average weight of fish harvested has gone from 1.33 lbs to 2.01 lbs.**
- **The growth rates in the Basin are variable between years probably due more to environmental influences than any other thing. These growth rates for bass in the basin are within the normal range.**
- **Catch rates have changed from 0.69/hr before regulation to 1.02/hr. after regulation.**
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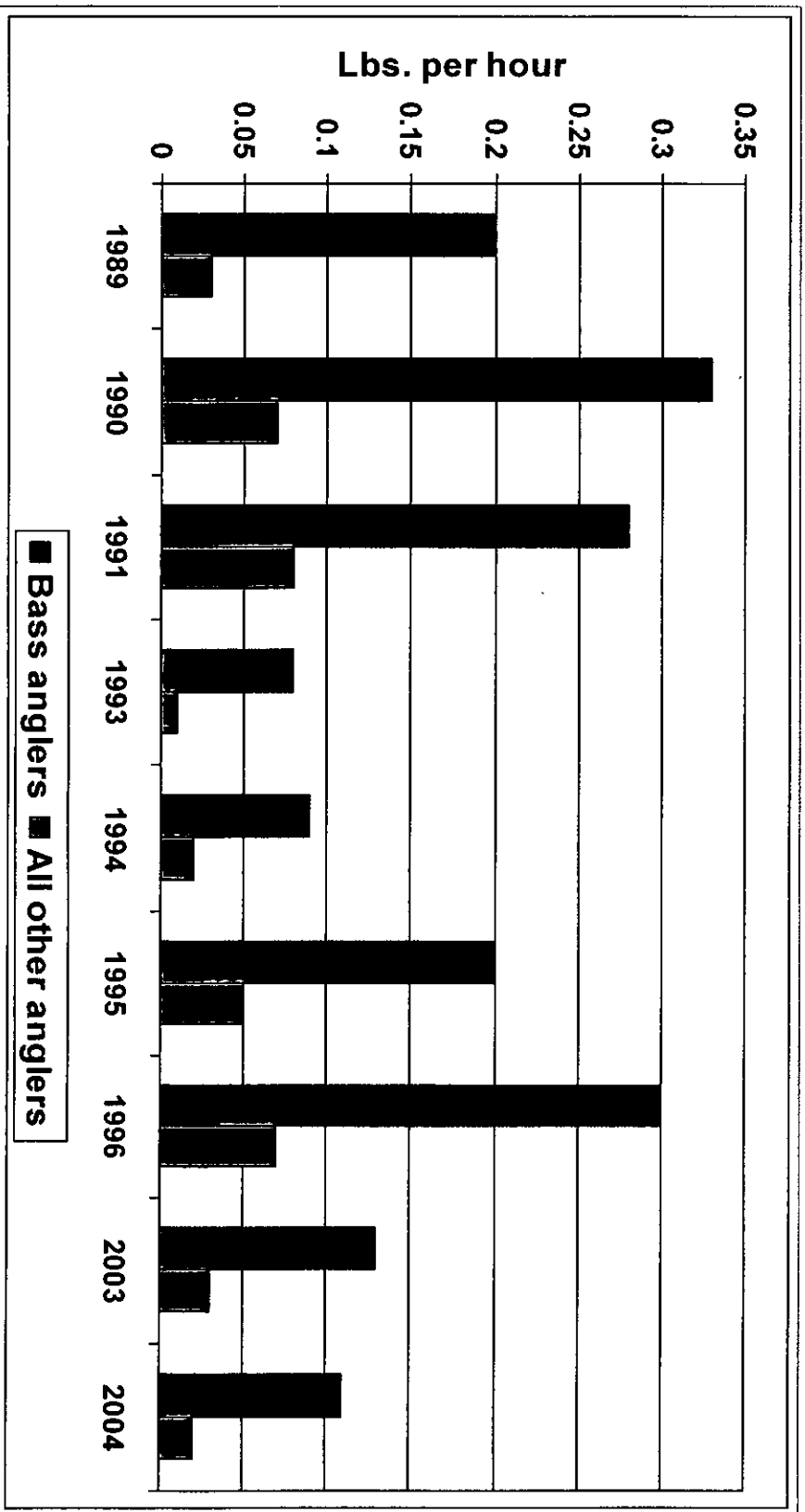
**ATCHAFALAYA BASIN - LAKE VERRET AREA
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BLACK BASS
MANAGEMENT**

- **CONTINUE THE 14" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT REGULATION**
- **CONTINUE THE 10 FISH CREEL LIMIT REGULATION**
- **CONTINUE THE SAME BOUNDARY LINES**

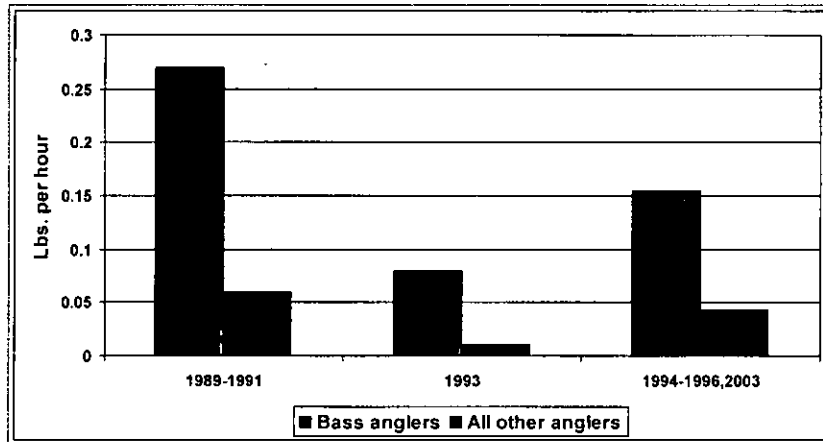
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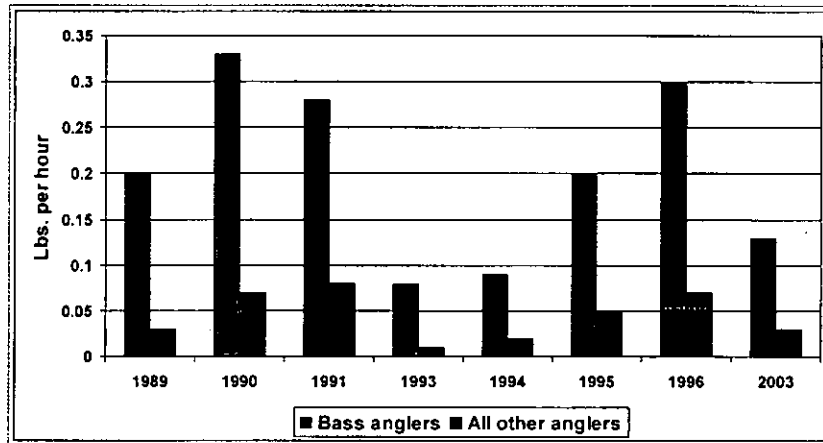
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) in the Atchafalaya River Basin-Lake Verret-Palourde Complex.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish And Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§165. Black Bass Regulations - Atchafalaya River Basin - Lake Verret - Palourde Complex

The daily creel limit (daily take) for black bass (Micropterus spp.) is 10 fish of which no more than 5 fish shall be 14 inches or greater and no more than 5 fish shall be less than 14 inches, in the area south of U.S. 190 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to the intersection of LA 1 and U.S. 190 due north of Port Allen, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee from U.S. 190 to U.S. 90, north of U.S. 90 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to LA 20, north and west of LA 20 from U.S. 90 to LA 1 in Thibodaux, south and west of LA 1 from LA 20 to U.S. 190.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325 (C), R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:361 (March 1993), amended LR 21:960 (September 1995), LR 23:998 (August 1997), LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2004.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2005 ABANDONED CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM
September 2, 2004

WHEREAS, Act 48 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:332(N), authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a program for the removal of abandoned crab traps from state-owned lake and river beds and other water bottoms of the state, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332(N) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab traps and for removal of abandoned traps and their disposal, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

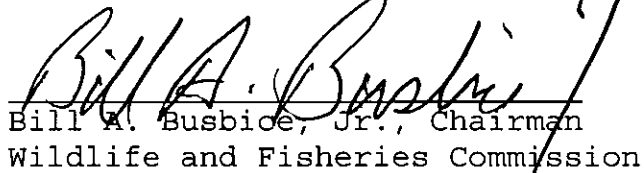
WHEREAS, the 2004 abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful, with 6,894 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2005 abandoned crab trap removal program for four crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this

notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.


Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 10-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 18, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. February 27, 2005 within that portion of Cameron Parish as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the southern side of LA Highway 82 and the eastern shore of Sabine Lake, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake to its intersection with East Pass, thence due north to Sabine Island, thence west along the southern shoreline of Sabine Island to its westward most point, thence due west to the Texas state line, thence south along the Louisiana / Texas state line to its intersection with LA Highway 82, thence east along the southern side of LA Highway 82 and terminating at its intersection with the eastern shore of Sabine Lake.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., March 5, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 20, 2005 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 57 and Dulac Canal, thence east along LA Highway 57 to its intersection with LA 56, thence due east to the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to its intersection with Lapeyrouse Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Lapeyrouse Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Seabreeze Pass, thence southwest to channel marker number 17 of the Houma Navigation Canal (Lat. 29° 11' 11.3" N., Long. 90° 36' 44.5" W.), thence southwest to the northern most point on Pass la Poule Island (Lat. 29° 08' 33.5" N., Long. 90° 39' 01.3" W.), thence west to Bayou Sale channel marker (Lat. 29° 06' 31.8" N., Long. 90° 44' 34.2" W.), thence north to the western shoreline of Bayou Sale, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Sale to its intersection with Four Point Bayou, thence north along the western shoreline of Four Point Bayou to its intersection with the Houma Navigation Canal, thence north along the western shoreline of the Houma Navigation Canal to its intersection with Bayou Grand Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to its intersection with Dulac Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Dulac Canal and terminating at its intersection with LA Highway 57.

C. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 26, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2005 within that portion of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence east along LA Highway 46 to its intersection with LA Highway 300, thence east and then south along LA Highway 300 to its termination, thence due south to Bayou Terre aux Bouefs, thence east along the northern shoreline of Bayou Terre aux Bouefs to its intersection with the “twin pipeline”, thence south along the eastern edge of the “twin pipeline” to the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River to a point due west of the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence due east and terminating at the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46.

D. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 9-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay / West Cote Blanche Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay / West Cote Blanche Bay within a portion of Iberia and St. Mary Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Acadiana Navigational Channel, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence east along the shoreline of Marsh Island to Longitude $91^{\circ} 43' 00''$ W, thence north along Longitude $91^{\circ} 43' 00''$ W to the shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay, thence west along the northern shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay to its intersection with the Ivanhoe Canal, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Ivanhoe Canal to its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal

Waterway, thence west along the northern shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and terminating at the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

E. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. For the winter closures only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR ____

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Supervisor, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Friday, November 5, 2004.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries / Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

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COMMENTS:

The attached is the Resolution and Notice of Intent on the Abandoned Crab Trap item coming up at the Commission Meeting Thursday.

From the desk of...

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RECOMMENDED 2005 CRAB TRAP CLOSURES / CLEANUPS

Area / Times

1. Sabine Lake proper (see attached map) for a 10-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 18, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. February 27, 2005.
2. A portion of Terrebonne Bay estuary (see attached map) for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., March 5, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 20, 2005.
3. A portion of Breton Sound estuary (see attached map) for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 26, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2005.
4. A portion of Vermilion Bay / West Cote Blanche Bay (see attached map) for nine days beginning on the opening of the spring inshore shrimp season.

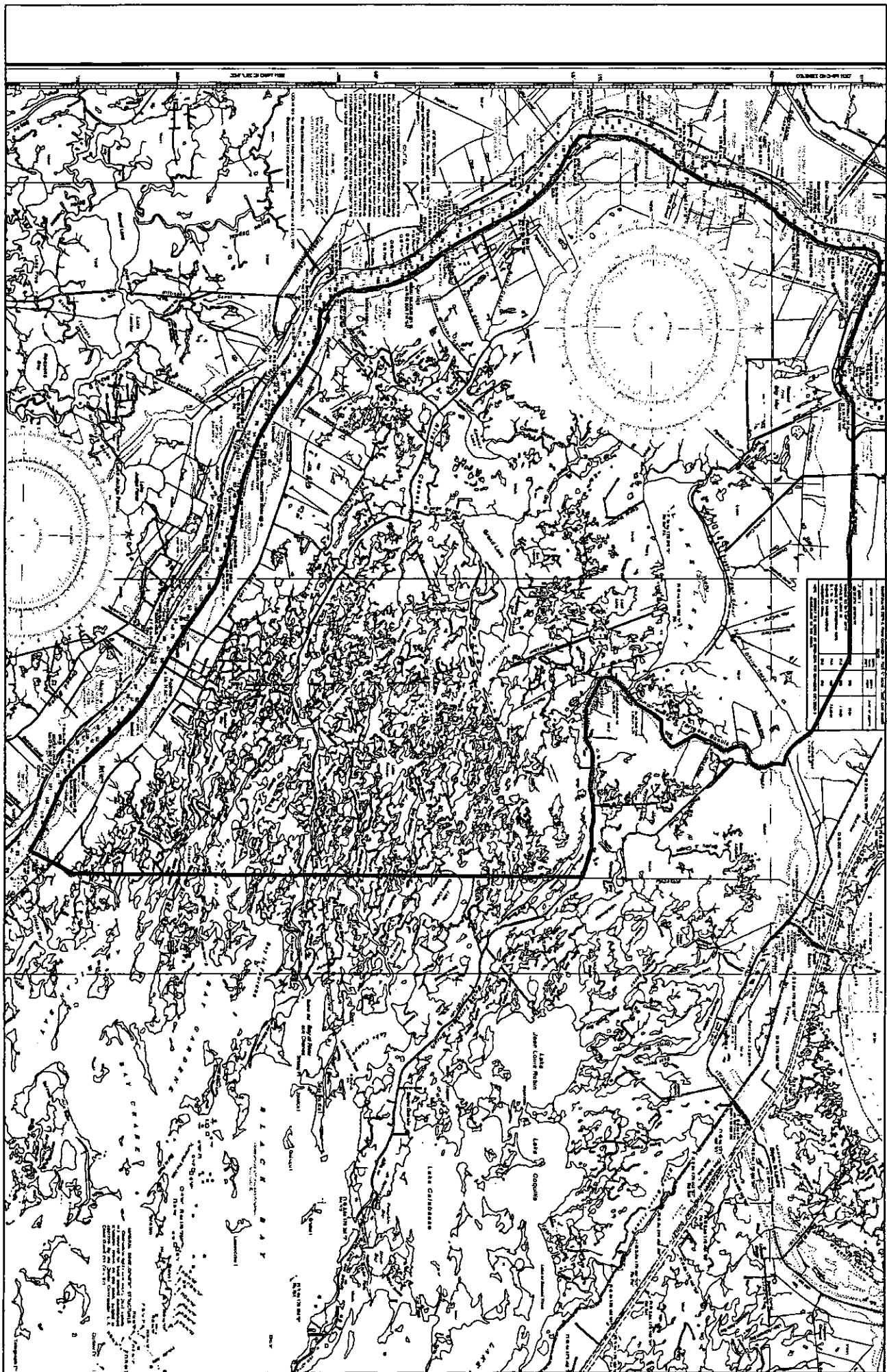
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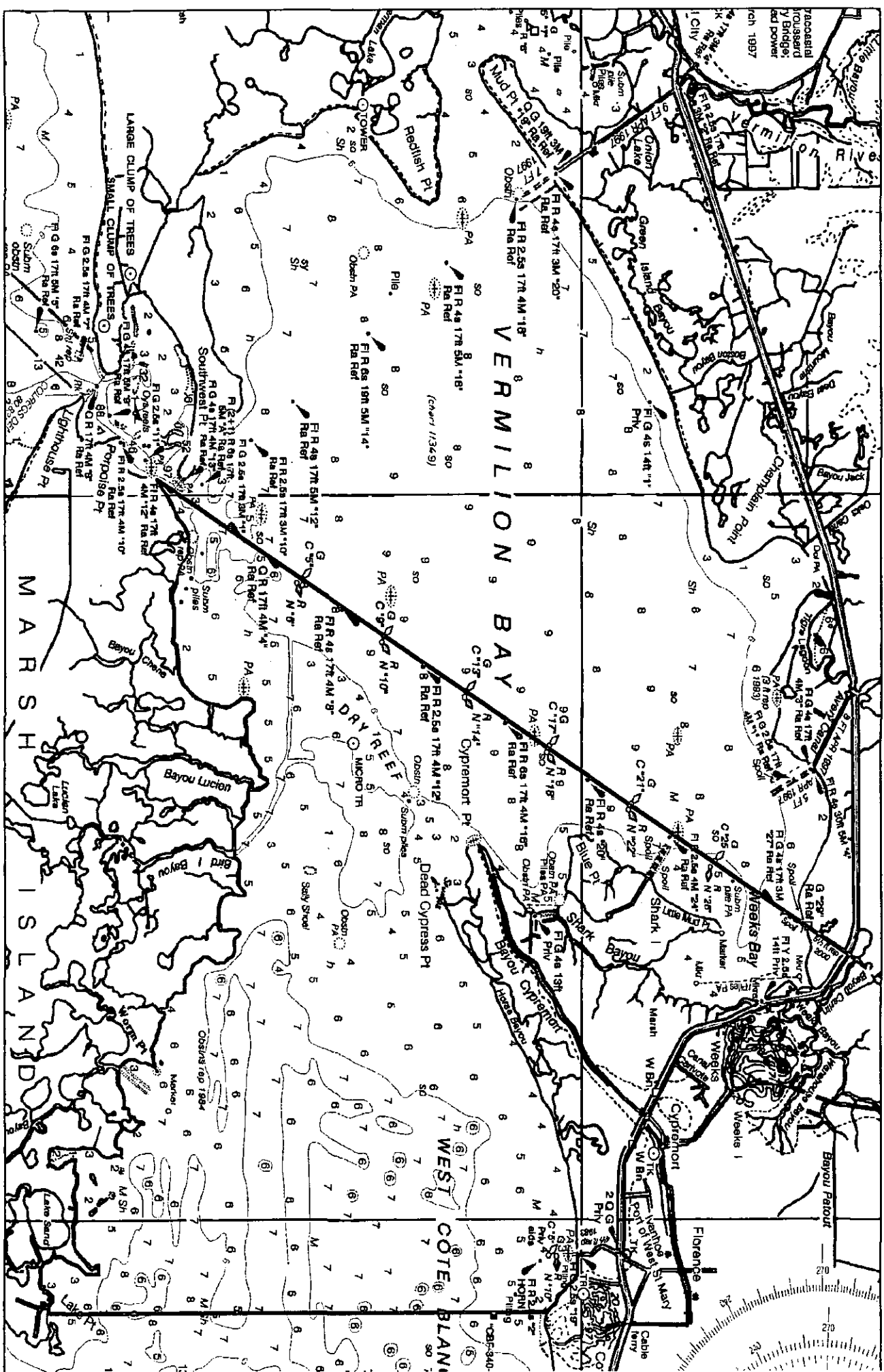
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6. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.



NOTE D
HOUMA NAVIGATION CANAL
The controlling depth was 13 feet through Calillou Pass;
11 feet 8 inches from the entrance of the approved channel in
Terrebonne Bay (29°08'00"N, 80°34'30"W) to Bayou Platte
Calillou; 11 feet 15 inches to Bayou Grand Calillou; 11 feet
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WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of crab traps, shall specify the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall be prohibited and shall specify who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 abandoned crab trap removal program was highly successful, with 6,894 abandoned crab traps removed from Louisiana waters, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a notice of intent to implement a rule for the 2005 abandoned crab trap removal program for four crab trap closures which is attached to and made a part of this resolution and which will become effective upon promulgation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate the locations where removed and abandoned traps are to be placed for disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this

notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a rule, LAC 76:VII.367, which provides for an abandoned crab trap removal program. Authority to establish these regulations is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:332(N). Said rule is attached and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§367. Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

A. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 10-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 18, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. February 27, 2005 within that portion of Cameron Parish as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the southern side of LA Highway 82 and the eastern shore of Sabine Lake, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Sabine Lake to its intersection with East Pass, thence due north to Sabine Island, thence west along the southern shoreline of Sabine Island to its westward most point, thence due west to the Texas state line, thence south along the Louisiana / Texas state line to its intersection with LA Highway 82, thence east along the southern side of LA Highway 82 and terminating at its intersection with the eastern shore of Sabine Lake.

B. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., March 5, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 20, 2005 within that portion of Terrebonne Parish as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 57 and Dulac Canal, thence east along LA Highway 57 to its intersection with LA 56, thence due east to the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to its intersection with Lapeyrouse Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Lapeyrouse Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Seabreeze Pass, thence southwest to channel marker number 17 of the Houma Navigation Canal (Lat. 29° 11' 11.3" N., Long. 90° 36' 44.5" W.), thence southwest to the northern most point on Pass la Poule Island (Lat. 29° 08' 33.5" N., Long. 90° 39' 01.3" W.), thence west to Bayou Sale channel marker (Lat. 29° 06' 31.8" N., Long. 90° 44' 34.2" W.), thence north to the western shoreline of Bayou Sale, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Sale to its intersection with Four Point Bayou, thence north along the western shoreline of Four Point Bayou to its intersection with the Houma Navigation Canal, thence north along the western shoreline of the Houma Navigation Canal to its intersection with Bayou Grand Caillou, thence north along the western shoreline of Bayou Grand Caillou to its intersection with Dulac Canal, thence east along the northern shoreline of Dulac Canal and terminating at its intersection with LA Highway 57.

C. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 16-day period from 6:00 a.m., February 26, 2005 through 6:00 a.m. March 13, 2005 within that portion of St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence east along LA Highway 46 to its intersection with LA Highway 300, thence east and then south along LA Highway 300 to its termination, thence due south to Bayou Terre aux Bouefs, thence east along the northern shoreline of Bayou Terre aux Bouefs to its intersection with the "twin pipeline", thence south along the eastern edge of the "twin pipeline" to the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Mississippi River to a point due west of the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46, thence due east and terminating at the intersection of LA Highway 39 and LA Highway 46.

D. The use of crab traps shall be prohibited for a 9-day period beginning at 6:00 a.m. on the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay / West Cote Blanche Bay and ending at 6:00 a.m. nine days following the opening of the 2005 Spring inshore shrimp season in Vermilion Bay / West Cote Blanche Bay within a portion of Iberia and St. Mary Parishes as described below:

From a point originating from the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Acadiana Navigational Channel, thence southwest along the Acadiana Navigational Channel red buoy line to the red navigational marker number 12 on the Marsh Island shoreline near Southwest Pass, thence east along the shoreline of Marsh Island to Longitude 91° 43' 00" W, thence north along Longitude 91° 43' 00" W to the shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay, thence west along the northern shoreline of West Cote Blanche Bay to its intersection with the Ivanhoe Canal, thence north along the eastern shoreline of the Ivanhoe Canal to its intersection with the Gulf Intracoastal

Waterway, thence west along the northern shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and terminating at the Acadiana Navigational Channel.

E. All crab traps remaining in the closed areas during the specified periods shall be considered abandoned. These trap removal regulations do not provide authorization for access to private property; authorization to access private property can only be provided by individual landowners. For the winter closures only, crab traps may be removed only between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Anyone is authorized to remove these abandoned crab traps within the closed areas. No person removing crab traps from the designated closed areas shall possess these traps outside of the closed areas. However, nonserviceable traps may be possessed by a shrimp fisherman outside of the closed area when in compliance with R.S. 56:332. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to designate disposal sites.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:332(N).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 30:101 (January 2004), amended LR ____

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Vincent Guillory, Marine Fisheries Biologist Supervisor, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 189, Bourg, LA 70343, prior to Friday, November 5, 2004.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries / Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

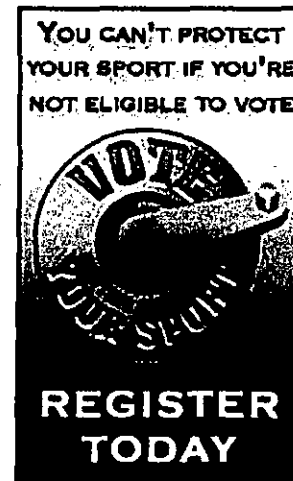
Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

National Hunting & Fishing Day marks its 33rd year Saturday, September 25, 2004

September 25th will be the 33rd annual National Hunting and Fishing Day and plans are underway for a nationwide celebration. One of the best ways all of us can create a better public understanding of hunting and fishing is to create a better public awareness of the important role that outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen have played in conservation and improving our natural resources.

One of the most meaningful ways to celebrate this landmark observance is to help spread our conservation message to non-outdoorsmen in our community.



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NHF Day events around the country provide opportunities for outdoor-oriented people and urbanites alike to learn more about outdoor skills and activities, many offering hands-on events for archery, firearms and muzzleloader shooting, fishing, canoeing, cooking or duck calling. Wildlife art and taxidermy, dog training, hunter and/or wildlife education and outdoor skills enhancement for camping, hiking, bird watching and photography can be found at most events.

Congress and President Nixon established NHF Day to recognize generations of hunters and anglers for the time and money they have donated to wildlife conservation programs—to date totaling over \$23 billion and uncounted hours of work on habitat improvement and other projects. In the years since then, NHF Day has celebrated with thousands of special events organized by sportsmen's clubs, conservation groups and state wildlife agencies—together introducing many millions of Americans to hunting and fishing while highlighting their vital role in conservation.

For more information about how you and your children, parents, friends, and neighbors can get involved in this year's National Hunting & Fishing Day celebration, [click here](#) to view a list of the available material to help you celebrate this very special day.

HOW A GOOD IDEA BECAME A GREAT TRADITION

What began over 30 years ago as a fledgling promotion has today developed into a full-blown national celebration. Indeed, like the sports it represents, National Hunting & Fishing Day has become a firmly rooted tradition that annually serves to introduce millions of Americans to the outdoor sports.

At thousands of NHF Day events held across the nation each year, the focus is not just on insuring a bright future for the outdoor sports, but also on recognizing the past conservation efforts and achievements of American sportsmen and sportswomen.

Over 100 years ago, hunters and anglers were the earliest and most vocal supporters of conservation and scientific wildlife management. They were the first to recognize that rapid development and the unregulated use of wildlife were seriously threatening the future of many species.

Led by fellow sportsman President Teddy Roosevelt, these early conservationists called for the passage of the first laws to outlaw market hunting and provide funds to state wildlife agencies through sales of hunting and fishing licenses and taxes on sporting equipment. Hunters and anglers today provide more than 75% of the funding for these agencies. During the past century, sportsmen have also worked countless hours to protect and improve millions of acres of vital

wildlife habitat--lands also available for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

The heightened environmental awareness that developed in America during the 1960s was embraced by hunters and anglers, but many were discouraged by the lack of awareness of the crucial role they had played--and were continuing to play--in the organized conservation movement. Many felt the time had come for the public to recognize their efforts, which had by then already restored many species to levels of abundance not seen in many areas for well over one hundred years.

The first to put forward the idea for an official day of thanks to sportsmen was Ira Joffe, owner of Joffe's Gun Shop in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. An ardent outdoors enthusiasts, Mr. Joffe's goal was nothing less than a coast-to-coast celebration of the outdoor sports.

In 1970, Joffe's concept was adopted by Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond Shafer, who proclaimed "Outdoor Sportsman's Day" in his state. With the floodgates opened, rising interest carried the idea to the floor of the U.S. Senate, where in June, 1971, Sen. Thomas McIntyre, NH, introduced Joint Resolution 117, asking President Richard M. Nixon to declare the fourth Saturday in September as NHF Day. The following month, Rep. Bob Sikes, FL, introduced an identical resolution to the House.

At this point, the job of promoting NHF Day at the national level was taken up by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), a non-profit organization formed to promote a better understanding of and a more active participation in the shooting sports. The NSSF soon won the support and assistance of over 40 other national conservation and sportsmen's organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League and The Wildlife Society. NSSF advertisements and mailings soon made the leaders of thousands of sportsmen's clubs and millions of individual sportsmen aware of the upcoming NHF Day observance.

In early spring 1972, Congress unanimously passed both bills, and on May 2, President Nixon signed the proclamation making official the first NHF Day. "I urge all citizens to join with outdoor sportsmen in the wise use of our natural resources and in insuring their proper management for the benefit of future generations," said Nixon.

The response from hunters, anglers and conservationists was dramatic: national, regional, state and local organizations made plans for events across America, and NSSF promotions encouraged editors of newspapers, television and radio stations everywhere to publicize NHF Day. By late summer, all 50 governors and over 600 mayors had joined in by proclaiming state and town Hunting & Fishing Days.

Some 3,000 clubs and affiliates of national organizations staged the first "open house" observances, providing some four million Americans with a chance to experience the outdoor sports.

In the years to follow, these local observances expanded, many developing into information fairs at public places such as shopping malls, libraries, schools, and nature preserves. Sportsmen's clubs also took part by inviting the public to visit their facilities to shoot clay targets, learn about local conservation activities and take part in hands-on demonstrations of the outdoor skills. Sporting goods retailers observed the day with product demonstrations and 11%-discount sales, thanking their customers for paying the 11% excise taxes on sporting equipment. And individuals got involved by writing letters to their newspaper editors, taking their favorite "indoorsman" out for a day afield, and asking mayors to sign Hunting & Fishing Day proclamations.

NHF Day is today the focus of one of the most effective grassroots efforts ever undertaken to promote the outdoor sports and conservation. In addition to the thousands of NHF Day open houses and other local events held at sportsmen's clubs, shopping malls and nature preserves,

many state wildlife agencies now organize large regional outdoor fairs that attract tens of thousands.

The massive two-day southern Illinois "Celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Days" in Carterville, for example, draws some 30,000 attendees each year. Some of the many activities featured at this outdoor extravaganza included wildlife exhibits, duck and turkey calling, free BB-gun shooting for young people and demonstrations of hunting dog field trials. In addition, displays were set up by over 100 equipment vendors, clubs and other organizations.

National Hunting & Fishing Day headquarters offers a range of promotional materials designed to help both organizations and individuals take part. [Click here](#) to view the online catalog or email info@nssf.org for more information.

State of Louisiana



Proclamation

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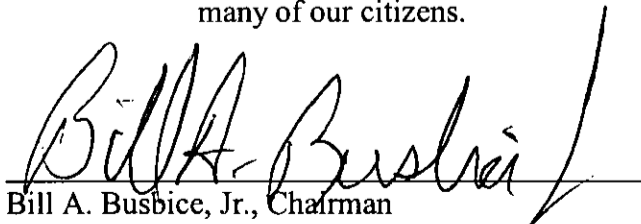
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A RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM TO HUNT, FISH AND TRAP

WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment proposing to preserve the “Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap” for all citizens of Louisiana will be on the general election ballot on November 2, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment is based on the premise that hunting, fishing and trapping are fundamental to citizenship in Louisiana and that these activities were and are understood by both founding and current generations of Louisianans as intrinsic to life in the “Sportsman’s Paradise,” and

WHEREAS, adding Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap to the Louisiana constitution will be a confirmation of Louisiana’s rich wildlife conservation heritage and, most importantly, help to fend off threats to that heritage by anti-hunting/fishing factions and well-intentioned but misinformed segments of the public, and

WHEREAS, specifically, the amendment proposes to add Section 27 to Article I of the Louisiana constitution stating: ***“The freedom to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife, including all aquatic life, traditionally taken by hunters, trappers and anglers, is a valued natural heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people. Hunting, fishing and trapping shall be managed by law and regulation consistent with Article IX, Section 1 of the constitution of Louisiana to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of the state. The provisions of this section shall not alter the burden of proof requirements otherwise established by law for any challenge to a law or regulation relating to hunting, fishing or trapping the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to authorize the use of private property to hunt, fish or trap without the consent of the owner of the property.”*** and

WHEREAS, the language of the proposed constitutional amendment is consistent with the authority and responsibility of the Legislature and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to protect, conserve and manage the fish and wildlife resources of the state and provides that the right to hunt/fish/trap be managed by law and regulation consistent with the State’s public trust responsibilities as articulated in Article 9, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution and interpretive jurisprudence, and

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WHEREAS, the language of the proposed amendment reaffirms the right of property owners to restrict and control access to their property for hunting, fishing or trapping purposes and it will protect the right of landowners to authorize and engage in these activities on their own property, and

WHEREAS, adding Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap to the Louisiana Constitution will serve to preempt special interests from attempting to take away these freedoms as they have in so many other states where resource utilization has been challenged, and in some cases curtailed, contrary to sound, science-based fish and wildlife management principles, and

WHEREAS, seven states, the most recent being Wisconsin in April of 2003, have included language in their constitutions to preserve the freedom to hunt, fish and trap and similar proposals are pending in 8 other states besides Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment, if adopted, will serve to fend off attempts through emotional and zealous appeals, aimed at influencing a populace that is becoming ever more isolated from the production of the food it eats and the skills and traditions that built our society, to curtail the many traditional hunting/fishing/trapping activities enjoyed by Louisiana citizens and which were understood as a fundamental right by the immigrants who first settled our Nation, fleeing from tyrannical governments to find freedom in America.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting, October 7, 2004, does hereby endorse and support adoption of the proposed Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap amendment to the Louisiana Constitution that will be on the ballot of the November 2, 2004 general election.

FREEDOM TO HUNT, FISH, AND TRAP FAQs

What does “Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap” do?

Confirms by provision in the state’s greatest document, the Louisiana Constitution, the right that Louisiana hunters, anglers and trappers believe they have, or should have.

Confirms that the freedom to hunt, fish and trap is an inherent right of citizenship and that the authority to limit that right for the common good is conveyed by the citizens to government, with the government accountable to the citizens.

Preempts the prohibition of hunting, fishing and trapping, except as required to meet the obligation to protect, conserve and replenish the natural resources of the state pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution.

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Why do we need “Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap?”

To fend off attempts to curtail legitimate hunting, fishing and trapping activities.

To reinforce Louisiana’s rich hunting, fishing and trapping heritage.

To remind lawmakers and regulators of the importance of this heritage and their obligation to respect and protect it.

Is this a Louisiana idea?

No. At least 7 other states have a provision in their constitution similar to what is being proposed for Louisiana with an additional 8 states taking such amendments under consideration through their respective processes. The closest state that has such a provision in its constitution is Alabama and the latest to add such a provision is Wisconsin.

Will “Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap” permit hunting/fishing/trapping activities on private property without permission?

No. The language of the proposed amendment reaffirms the right of property owners to restrict and control access to their property for hunting, fishing or trapping purposes.

National Taxidermist's Association and several other LWF affiliate organizations. Many more endorsements are expected prior to the November 2, 2004 election. The only opposition noted has been from a national environmental news service that questioned the need, and raising the red herring issues of freedom to hunt endangered species and giving consumptive uses greater status than nonconsumptive uses. Landowner groups like the Louisiana Forestry Association, Farm Bureau Federation, Landowners Association are content with the language of the amendment but are not likely to take a formal position on it. Although both The Advocate and the Times-Picayune questioned the need for such an amendment during the legislative session, no editorializing has been forthcoming from any publication since the Legislature adopted the bill to put the proposal on the ballot.

Rebuttals

Some naysayers are already challenging the wisdom of this proposition that was passed by the Legislature without opposition, saying that it could be used to justify use of private property without permission, affect protection of endangered species, and challenge restrictions prohibiting the use of certain gear to take fish and game, such as nets. All of these concerns are addressed in the specific language of the proposed amendment.

The concern about trespassing is answered by the last sentence of the amendment and reinforces the right of landowners to control access on the property they own.

The reference to Article 9, Section 1 of the constitution addresses both the endangered species and the gear prohibition concerns because it binds law and regulation governing hunting, fishing and trapping to the state's obligation to "protect, conserve and replenish" the natural resources of the state. This is the constitutional provision the state used to successfully defend a 1995 law that prohibits the use of gill nets in coastal waters.

One other complaint heard is that fish and wildlife resources are public resources and "consumptive" user groups should not be given priority over "nonconsumptive" users by provision of the constitution. Again, the existing Article 9, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution, which is integral to the proposed amendment, requires conservation and protection sufficient to sustain fish and wildlife resources which in turn sustains "nonconsumptive" uses of these resources.

In essence, "Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap" will protect your right to continue to engage in fishing, hunting and trapping activities that can currently be taken away just because the Legislature and/or the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have the authority to do it, regardless of any conservation need or purpose, or social benefit of such action. It also will serve to reconfirm our rich heritage as hunters, fishers and trappers in Louisiana.

Will “Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap” give a person the right to break wildlife and fisheries laws and regulations without consequences?

No. The language of the proposed amendment provides that the right to hunt/fish/trap be managed by law and regulation consistent with the State’s obligation to protect, conserve, and replenish the State’s natural resources.

Will “Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap” provide cause for filing lawsuits against the state for infringement of the freedom to hunt/fish/trap?

Not any more than exists under current constitutional provisions; see previous answer.

Will “Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap” impair the enactment or effect of legislation or regulation that restricts or manages hunting/fishing/trapping?

Not if such legislation/regulation is consistent with the State’s obligation to protect, conserve and replenish the State’s natural resources.

Will “Freedom to Hunt, Fish & Trap” prevent the State from taking away the right to hunt/fish/trap for cause or as a penalty for violation of the law?

No. Similar to the freedom of speech, the right to vote and the right to own firearms, the freedom to hunt/fish/trap cannot be exercised in such a way as to infringe the basic rights of others. Freedom of speech does not permit the inciting of a riot or a life threatening situation by the use of frightening or abusive language; firearms cannot be carried into certain establishments or concealed without a permit, and convicted felons cannot vote or possess firearms, even though both the US and Louisiana constitutions give citizens the right to bear arms. Thankfully, the constitution does prevent government from taking away the right of law-abiding citizens to express an opinion, own and lawfully use a firearm, or vote.

What are the threats that make including “Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap” in the Declaration of Rights of the Louisiana Constitution a good idea?

The population of the state is increasingly urban and detached from the reality of food production, and its relationship to the land and to wild nature. Therefore Louisiana citizens are more subject than ever to rejecting that relationship and supporting efforts to prohibit hunting, fishing and trapping activities that are practiced by a diminishing proportion of citizens because it finds those activities distasteful or other subjective reasons.

Who is supporting the “Freedom to Hunt, Fish and Trap?”

The amendment has been officially endorsed by the NRA, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, the East Ascension Sportsman’s League, the Louisiana Association of Professional Biologists, the

Falcon, Susan

From: RRS121434@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2004 10:57 PM
To: Denmon_TD@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: Bass in the Atchafalaya Basin

According to Mike Walker, Biologist, the bass population has returned and in fact is in better condition than prior to the 1992 storm. During the Living Resources Committee meeting March 9, 2004, Will Courtney asked Mike Walker if the length restriction is designed to help recruitment or quality of bass. Walker replied that it was originally used for recruitment after Hurricane Andrew, but is now in place more for quality.

As a recreational Bass Fisherman, I am asking the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission to lower the 14 inch length on bass to --(5) fish under 14 inches and (5) fish over 14 inches-- for a creel limit of 10 Bass per Angler.

Your vote for this change will be greatly appreciated.

Robert R. Sheets
RRS121435@aol.com

8/31/2004

Falcon, Susan

From: jeff price [jrp6010@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2004 10:05 PM
To: Denmon_TD@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: Thanks for caring

Sirs, Thanks for your decision to reverse the unexpected deer season dates approved by your commission, for area 6.. I am firmly in favor of the later archery season opening date and also the opportunity to hunt into February, I hunt in one of the three parishes set up in the six point test area , Point Coupe.. and as i stated in my previous e-mails, the fawn crop is too young October 1st to make it on their own.. this later date will , save some of them for our herd, and also for our future enjoyment, for ourselves and our children.. I was really happy to see this morning paper and read that the commission had resend ed the earlier decision on the muzzle loader and rifle dates.. I my opinion you did the best thing for our deer herd and our children.. It is good these days to find people who do care about others thoughts and interest and do seem to have that in mind when make rules and decisions.. I am not so sure about Mr. Mouton, or what special interest group pushed him to propose and vote the earlier season change in the First place.. I sure hope he is on the commission for the right reasons.. although his track record doesn't reflect that he is .. But I guess thats just my opinion... Again thanks for caring.. we do have a wonderful sportsman's Paradise here and hopefully with your help it will remain that way for hunters now and our future generations... Would you please be so kind as to pass this thanks along to the other commission members for me.. Jeff Price

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

SEPT-04	RULE - Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator Program
OCT-04	RULE - Black Bass Regulations - Daily Take & Size Limits
	RULE - Crappie Regulations - Daily Take
	RULE - Alligator Regulations
NOV-04	RULE - DMAP & LADT Programs
	RULE - Spotted Seatrout Management Measures
	RULE - Recreational & Commercial Harvests; Prohibitions (Alligator Snapping Turtles)
DEC-04	RULE - 2005 Turkey Season
	RULE - Alligator Regulations (Permanent Opening Date)

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,803.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		

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Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		

Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
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FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83

Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
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FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12

Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
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FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,946.03	\$154.01
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90

Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
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FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52	
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	\$11,887.80	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91

Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	\$12,508.35	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%
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FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26	20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66	24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83	19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99	25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41	27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99	23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95
Jan., 2003	58	\$32,391.55	22	\$7,149.09	\$562.34
Feb., 2003	33	\$18,426.48	40	\$13,988.00	\$1,122.57
Mar., 2003	13	\$3,668.17	28	\$9,342.76	\$643.57
Apr., 2003	16	\$5,661.77	23	\$3,004.29	\$289.02
May, 2003	11	\$5,801.24	20	\$5,252.90	\$293.69
June, 2003	11	\$6,700.71	24	\$6,907.49	\$224.85

Total FY 2003	245	\$132,399.06	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$81,067.90	\$5,118.41	65%	120%
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FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

July, 2003	7	\$1,742.90	17	\$3,502.99	\$30.27
Aug., 2003	13	\$5,254.98	16	\$3,131.76	\$126.78
Sept., 2003	13	\$15,161.55	17	\$3,797.61	\$285.74
Oct., 2003	14	\$14,153.21	24	\$6,084.13	\$188.45
Nov., 2003	17	\$7,594.12	18	\$4,500.13	\$245.00
Dec., 2003	45	\$22,244.61	23	\$8,965.74	\$702.59
Jan., 2004	32	\$17,609.03	22	\$7,016.24	\$685.11
Feb., 2004	19	\$10,856.76	38	\$14,262.81	\$1,133.21
Mar., 2004	17	\$14,927.35	32	\$11,840.30	\$647.13
Apr., 2004	15	\$7,481.48	19	\$4,666.57	\$284.61
May, 2004	13	\$4,300.96	19	\$3,608.61	\$228.47
June, 2004	4	\$31,164.87	24	\$6,629.45	\$249.47

Total FY 2004	209	\$152,491.82	\$0.00	269	\$78,006.34	\$4,806.83	54%	129%
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FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

July, 2004	3	\$29,750.20	13	\$1,343.60	\$62.86
Aug., 2004	8	\$3,706.10	18	\$2,880.20	
Sept., 2004					
Oct., 2004					
Nov., 2004					
Dec., 2004					
Jan., 2004					
Feb., 2004					
Mar., 2004					
Apr., 2004					
May, 2004					
June, 2004					

Total FY 2005	11	33,456	0	31	4,224	63	13%	282%
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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
08/01/2004 TO 08/31/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	8	\$3,656.10
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	2	\$50.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	8	\$3,706.10
PAYMENTS	8	\$1,745.98-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	4	\$659.22-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$125.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$175.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	7	\$175.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2004 TO 08/31/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	11	\$33,406.30
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	2	\$50.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	11	\$33,456.30
PAYMENTS	16	\$2,834.58-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	6	\$709.22-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	8	\$305.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$175.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	8	\$200.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1	\$62.86-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.01
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

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08/31/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,855	\$3,417,135.72
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	472	\$12,350.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,855	\$3,217,830.09
PAYMENTS	3,320	\$764,780.55-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	41	\$9,562.52-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	92	\$35,138.17-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	39	\$27,486.17-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	245	\$6,350.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,307	\$266,271.34-
OVERPAYMENTS	145	\$359.45
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	74	\$12,888.01
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	17	\$44,255.65-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$6,780.54
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	67	\$39,145.73-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,480,797.23-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	40	\$21,082.19-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	96	\$200,277.90-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$8,156.58-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	292	\$379,502.55

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	39	\$108,008.20 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$2,055.20
31 - 60 DAYS	24	\$24,461.90
61 - 90 DAYS	11	\$728.35
91 - 120 DAYS	9	\$15,758.55
121 - 150 DAYS	6	\$6,272.85
151 - 180 DAYS	3	\$540.85
181 - 365 DAYS	34	\$47,320.90
OVER ONE YEAR	64	\$38,577.99
OVER TWO YEARS	64	\$63,930.12
OVER THREE YEARS	1,063	\$761,596.77
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** TOTAL AGING	1,281	\$961,243.48

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	2	\$425.21
CURRENT	6	\$3,230.89
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$29,750.20
31 - 90 DAYS	6	\$2,393.76
91 - 180 DAYS	21	\$20,751.74
181 - 365 DAYS	37	\$30,857.60
OVER ONE YEAR	127	\$120,155.69

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	85	\$83,427.36

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	5	\$88,510.10
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** TOTAL AGING	292	\$379,502.55
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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	3	\$250.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	167	\$4,425.00
CREDITS	2	\$75.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	2	\$12.50
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,612.50

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PAID IN FULL	166	\$11,970.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	5	\$190.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	3	\$146.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	2	\$8.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUNDS	1	\$50.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	2	\$100.00-
NOT GUILTY	3	\$150.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$50.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

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CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	7	\$500.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	271	\$7,175.00
CREDITS	3	\$100.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	96	\$808.00
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$8,375.50

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PAID IN FULL	709	\$44,585.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	17	\$810.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	14	\$763.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	13	\$60.00-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$1.00
REFUNDS	8	\$339.50
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	2	\$100.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	4	\$200.00-
NOT GUILTY	3	\$150.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	2	\$100.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
08/31/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	115,417	\$5,961,682.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	33,796	\$856,721.30
CREDITS	4	\$11,716.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,988	\$16,065.75
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,822,745.62

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PAID IN FULL	71,068	\$3,837,317.82-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,808	\$85,803.75-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	378	\$23,024.53-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	337	\$1,392.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,983	\$696,796.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	197	\$4,289.86
REFUNDS	428	\$18,749.31
RETURNED CHECKS	78	\$4,125.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	75	\$1,215.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	258	\$15,150.00
CREDITS	46	\$2,600.00-
VOIDS	5,779	\$291,300.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,309	\$66,600.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	272	\$14,300.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	159	\$8,000.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING \$1,837,313.31

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 90 DAYS	762	\$44,830.00
91 - 180 DAYS	908	\$64,850.00
181 - 365 DAYS	959	\$81,758.00
OVER ONE YEAR	19,888	\$1,473,737.34

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	2,204	\$171,912.97

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	24,724	\$1,837,313.31
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	736	\$40,900.00
0 - 90 DAYS	786	\$55,980.00
91 - 180 DAYS	491	\$42,045.00
181 - 270 DAYS	276	\$22,130.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,212	\$102,080.50
OVER ONE YEAR	21,223	\$1,574,177.81

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** TOTAL AGING	24,724	\$1,837,313.31
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Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study deer hunting seasons within the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission sets the season for the taking of all deer on all wildlife management areas; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, during the season, sets the time for the taking of does and bucks on specified days; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to alter the days for the taking of deer during black powder and bow seasons in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study deer hunting seasons within the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman and members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Department of the Interior to reevaluate the establishment of duck season, taking into consideration changes in climate and bird migration patterns.

WHEREAS, duck hunting is a significant economic, social, and cultural activity in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior has the responsibility to establish the time in which ducks may be taken in the wild; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission sets duck season based upon the information provided to it by the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the season for taking ducks in Louisiana is at the end of the time established by the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the weather patterns have been changing such that it gets colder later in the year causing the ducks to arrive later; and

WHEREAS, hunters have observed that the duck season closes, and within days significant duck populations arrive in south Louisiana, and this timing adversely impacts the economic viability of the duck hunting business in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Department of the Interior to reevaluate when duck season may be set in Louisiana, taking into consideration changes in climate and bird migration patterns so as to enhance both the economic impact of duck hunting and protection of the resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Department of the Interior, to the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 299

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the feasibility of permitting the taking of pen-raised mallard south of Interstate 10 and north of Louisiana Highway 14.

WHEREAS, duck hunting is a significant economic, social, and cultural activity in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries makes recommendations to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regarding the permitting of pen-raised mallard locations within the state; and

WHEREAS, for the last several years the number of wild mallard available for taking during the posted season has been decreasing; and

WHEREAS, pen-raised mallard farms are permissible in certain areas of the state and provide an alternative hunting experience when wild mallard are not plentiful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries study the feasibility of permitting the taking of pen-raised mallard in the area south of Interstate 10 and north of Louisiana Highway 14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries report to the legislature its findings prior to the convening of the 2005 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and to the members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE FAUCHEUX

HUNTING/DEER: Urges and requests that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission make changes to deer season in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to eliminate doe days and increase buck days during certain deer hunting seasons within the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission sets the season for the taking of all deer on all wildlife management areas; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, during the season, sets the time for the taking of does and bucks on specified days; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to alter the days for the taking of deer during black powder and bow seasons in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to eliminate doe days during the black powder and bow seasons and to increase the number of buck days during the deer season in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman and members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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HR No. 108

Urges and requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to change the days during deer season for the taking of does and bucks in the Maurepas Swamp WMA.

Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

Approved
6-10-04

FISHING/CRABS: Requests a study relative to the abandoned crab trap removal program

1 A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural
3 Resources to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the effectiveness of
4 the crab trap removal program and to report the findings of the joint committee to the
5 legislature prior to the convening of the 2005 Regular Session.

6 **WHEREAS, the legislature has authorized the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**
7 **to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the use of crab traps in state-owned lake and**
8 **river bottoms, and some restrictions vary based on geographical area and time of year; and**

9 WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has designated what is
10 considered an abandoned crab trap in state-owned lake and river bottoms, the manner by
11 which the traps are removed, the persons authorized to remove the abandoned traps, and how
12 the traps are to be disposed; and

13 WHEREAS, Vermilion Bay is a geographical area in the state where crabbing occurs,
14 but it is not regulated by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under the abandoned crab
15 trap program; and

16 WHEREAS, the Vermilion Bay area is experiencing an increase in abandoned crab
17 traps, and many who use the bay wish for it to become a part of the abandoned crab trap
18 program.

19 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on
20 Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources to meet and function as
21 a joint committee to study the effectiveness of the crab trap removal program and whether
22 it should be extended to include the Vermilion Bay geographical area and to report the

- 1 findings of the joint committee to the full legislature prior to the convening of the 2005
 - 2 Regular Session.
 - 3 A copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to the chairman and members of
 - 4 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and
 - 5 Fisheries.
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DIGEST

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Jack Smith

HCSR No. 10

Requests the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources to study the abandoned crab trap removal program and whether to include the Vermilion Bay geographical area in the program and to report the findings of the joint committee prior to the 2005 R.S.

Approved
6-14-04

BY REPRESENTATIVE DARTEZ

A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

To the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources to meet and to function as a joint committee to study boating safety and traffic on inland waters to determine the appropriate size and speed of vessels utilizing inland waters relative to the width, depth, and character of the inland waterway, and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2005 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, given the increase in recreational boating and the modernization of boating equipment, the increased incidence of accidents on the inland waterways, such as Belle River and Lake Verret is to be expected; and

WHEREAS, the legislature, in concert with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, is responsible for the safety of citizens on the waterways of the state; and

WHEREAS, a policy addressing the appropriate use of various vessels, considering the size, type, and character of the vessel, as it relates to the width, depth, and character of inland waterways, such as Belle River and Lake Verret, is in order.

THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources to meet and function as a joint committee to study boating safety and traffic on inland waters, such as Belle River and Lake Verret, to determine whether the size and speed of vessels should be regulated on inland waterways contingent upon the width, depth, and character of the particular waterway, and to report the findings of the joint committee to the full legislature prior to the convening of the 2005 Regular Session.

- 1 A copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to the secretary of the Department
 - 2 of Wildlife and Fisheries and the chairman and members of the Wildlife and Fisheries
 - 3 Commission.
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DIGEST

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HCSR No. 16

Requests the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources to study boating traffic and safety on inland waterways, such as Belle River and Lake Verret, to determine whether boat size and speed should be regulated according to the width, depth, and character of the particular inland waterway.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	DIVISION	DATE COMPLETED
HCR 62 - Oysters , Requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the correlation between nighttime water and air temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico and the development of <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> in oysters harvested during those times and to report their findings to the legislature prior to the 2005 Regular Session.	Marine Fisheries	
HCR 65 - Oysters , Requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the development and implementation of a plan for the management of nuisance fish around oyster beds.	Marine Fisheries	
HCR 68 - MRCO , Memorializes the U.S. Congress, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to promptly close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet in the manner contemplated by the Coast 2050 Plan. Memorializes the U.S. Congress and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to authorize the full funding capability of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal lock project.		
HCR 115 - Oysters , Requests the Department of Natural Resources to provide to the Louisiana Oyster Task Force information which would delineate the projected salinity regimes for a five-year period and a three-year projection of areas that will be restricted to oyster leasing.		
HCR 128 - Social Services , Continues the implementation of the "No Wrong Door" plan authorized by Act 726 of the 2003 Regular Session and allows the executive departments including the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget an opportunity to review the "No Wrong Door" plan and its implementation and provide written comments to Department of Social Services by September 30, 2004.	Office of Management and Finance	
HCR 137 - Seafood safety , Requests the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Department of Health and Hospitals to form an interagency task force to examine agricultural commodities imported into Louisiana from California to confirm their compliance with public health and safety standards and submit report prior to March 1, 2005.	Enforcement	
HCR 146 - Aquatic weeds , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to draw down Saline Lake from June 14 to October 25, 2004, to apply chemical spray to the weeds in the lake during the draw down, and to allow the Saline Lake Fish and Game Commission to stock Saline Lake with triploid grass carp.	Freshwater Fisheries	

HCR 151 - Deer hunting / Maurepas WMA , Urges and requests Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study deer hunting seasons within Maurepas Swamp WMA.	Wildlife	
HCR 176 - Fisheries , Establishes the Platforms for Mariculture Task Force to explore the economic feasibility, viability, sustainability, and benefits of establishing an offshore mariculture industry in the Gulf of Mexico and submit report of findings and recommendations by January 31, 2005.	Marine Fisheries	
HCR 180 - Coastal , Urges and requests the Departments of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Fisheries and Environmental Quality to work cooperatively to ensure that drilling and coastal use permits be issued within 45 days from the date of receipt of a complete permit application and deliver report before convening of 2005 Regular Session.	Marine Fisheries and Fur and Refuge	
HCR 226 - Hunting , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the scheduling and management of muzzleloader season for deer hunting and report back to the legislature by March 15, 2005.	Wildlife	
HCR 257 - Charter fishing , Requests charter fishing boat captains to respond to surveys of effort conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.	(Marine Fisheries)	
HCR 279 - Toxins , Urges and requests certain agencies, including Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to study and report on the immediate risks to and the cumulative impact on humans, crops, wildlife, and fisheries associated with hazardous substances and emissions from chemical and petrochemical plants located near residential areas in Louisiana, particularly to study the increased incidence of cancer in the industrial corridor that stretches between Baton Rouge and New Orleans that has come to be known as "Cancer Alley." Urges and requests the federal agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to cooperate and contribute to the study.	???	
HCR 297 - Duck hunting , Memorializes the Department of the Interior to reevaluate the establishment of duck season for the state of Louisiana.	(Wildlife)	
HCR 299 - Ducks , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the feasibility of permitting the taking of pen-raised mallard south of I-10 and north of Highway 14 and submit report prior to the 2005 Regular Session.	Wildlife	
HCR 305 - Law Enforcement , Requests the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to review the agency's enforcement needs on state refuges and wildlife management areas and to evaluate the feasibility of assigning law enforcement powers to properly qualified employees in the wildlife and fur and refuge divisions, and to report findings to the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees prior to the 2005 Regular Session.	Enforcement	

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS			
HR 108 - Maurepas WMA , Urges and requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to change the days during deer season for the taking of does and bucks in the Maurepas Swamp WMA.	Wildlife		
HCSR - 10 Crab traps , Requests a study relative to the abandoned crab trap removal program and submit report prior to 2005 Regular Session.	(Marine Fisheries)		
HCSR - 16 Boating , Requests that the House and Senate Natural Resources committees study boating safety and traffic on inland waters and submit report of findings prior to 2005 Regular Session.	(Enforcement)		
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS			
✓ SCR 9 - Seafood Advisory Board , Adds two members to the Louisiana Seafood Advisory Board.			
SCR 24 - Water access , Urges and requests the governor to support policies that ensure the public's right to access and use, for both navigation and fishing, naturally navigable waterways owned by the state.			
✓ SCR 25 - Water access , Urges and requests governor to direct the Louisiana State Land Office to complete, within the next four years, an inventory of the water bottoms in this state, and to provide sufficient funding through appropriations or other means for the accomplishment of this urgent and crucial task.			
✓ SCR 30 - Grass carp , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possible migration of triploid grass carp out of Saline Lake and to report their findings to the House and Senate Natural Resources committees prior to the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature.	Freshwater Fisheries		
✓ SCR 75 - Coast , Memorializes Congress to authorize and fund the establishment of the Coastal Forest Reserve Program, and requests the federal and state forest service, along with state schools, to provide an inventory and assessment of coastal forests.			
✓ SCR 90 - Grass carp , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possible migration of triploid grass carp out of Iatt Lake and to report their findings to the House and Senate Natural Resources committees prior to the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature.	Freshwater Fisheries		

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✓	SCR 91 - Grass carp , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to draw down Saline Lake from June 14 to October 25, 2004, to apply herbicides to the lake during the draw down, and to allow the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission to stock Saline Lake with triploid grass carp, under the direct supervision of the department and its biologists.	Freshwater Fisheries	
✓	SCR 92 - Iatt Lake , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to draw down Iatt Lake from June 14 to October 25, 2004, to apply herbicides to the lake during the draw down, and to allow the Grant Parish Police Jury to stock Iatt Lake with triploid grass carp, under the direct supervision of the department and its biologists.	Freshwater Fisheries	
✓	SCR 107 - Recreational / Commercial fisheries study , Requests the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations to the legislature regarding revision of the state's saltwater fisheries laws and regulations as they pertain to commercial and recreational fishing. Requires that the study shall examine species-specific conservation standards and conflicts between recreational and commercial interests. Provides for recommending a long-range plan for renewable saltwater resources and report findings prior to April 25, 2005.	Marine Fisheries and Enforcement	
✓	SCR 159 - Coastal , Memorializes Congress to review federal laws, rules and procedures affecting coastal wetlands activities and permitting in Louisiana.		
SENATE RESOLUTIONS			
✓	SR 16 - Shrimp , Requests that the U. S. Department of Commerce visit the state and conduct hearings and conferences in the state of Louisiana in order for citizens to provide direct input prior to completion of departmental determinations and findings concerning anti-dumping duties on imports of certain frozen and canned warm-water shrimp before June, 2004		
✓	SR 17 - Shrimp , Urges and requests governor to include at least \$300K in budget for the purpose of assisting Louisiana shrimpers in their efforts with the Southern Shrimp Alliance.		
✓	SR 49 - Turtles , Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to place a moratorium on the taking of alligator snapping turtles.	Fur and Refuge	
✓	SR 116 - Law enforcement , Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to review law enforcement activities on state refuges and wildlife management areas and the assignment of law enforcement powers to departmental employees and submit report prior to 2005 Regular Session.	Enforcement	

Falcon, Susan

From: Landreneau, Dwight
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2004 9:41 AM
To: Falcon, Susan
Subject: Re: Lunch for Commissioner King

Go ahead and order the salda.

Dwight

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Falcon, Susan <sfalcon@wlf.louisiana.gov>
To: Landreneau, Dwight <dlandreneau@wlf.louisiana.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 26 09:30:25 2004
Subject: Lunch for Commissioner King

Mr. Landreneau, I was talking with Commissioner Earl King about the procedural meeting that will be held after the Commission Meeting next Thursday. He told me he was a diabetic and would prefer having a salad rather than the sandwiches we usually order. With your approval, I will order him a salad.

Thanks,
Susan Falcon



State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

August 11, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

FROM: Susan Falcon, Commission Secretary *Susan Falcon*

SUBJECT: Lunch for Commissioners

Mr. Don Puckett will hold a meeting with the Commission Members following their September 2 meeting to discuss procedures only, no business will be conducted. We would like your approval to provide lunch, in accordance with R.S. 56:1, for the Commissioners. Approximate cost of the meal should be \$100. Lunch will consist of a sandwich tray, chips and drinks. Your approval to this request will be greatly appreciated.

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Approved: *Dwight Landreneau*

Dwight Landreneau
August 12, 2004

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
September 2, 2004
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Recognize Statewide Enforcement Agent of the Year -
Winton Vidrine
5. Recognition of Employee Service Meritorious Awards for
Littering and DWI - Winton Vidrine
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August - Keith LaCaze
7. DMAP & LADT Public Comments
8. Public Comments - 2005 Turkey Season
9. Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Atchafalaya
River Basin-Lake Verret-Palourde Complex - ~~Bennie Fontenot~~
Henry Mouton
10. Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program -
Vince Guillory
11. National Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation - Marianne
Burke
12. Set January 2005 Meeting Date
13. Public Comments
14. Adjournment



State of Louisiana

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GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

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8/26/04

AGENDA FOR L.W.F.C. SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCED

The next regular public board meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2004, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

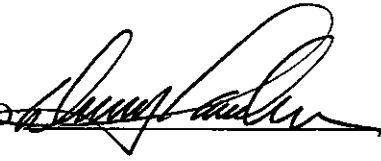
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13. Public Comments
14. Adjournment

EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923 (tgresham@wlf.louisiana.gov).

August 26, 2004

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED

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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 2, 2004**, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call
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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

August 26, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary 

SUBJECT: September Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 2, 2004**, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements

WINTON VIDRINE

4. Recognize Statewide Enforcement Agent of the Year
5. Recognition of Employee Service Meritorious Awards for Littering and DWI
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August

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8. Public Comments - 2005 Turkey Season

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10. Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program

PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

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12. Set January 2005 Meeting Date
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DL:scf

cc: Janice Lansing
Parke Moore
John Roussel
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
Division Administrators
Marianne Burke

*Approved by phone
by Bill Busbice
8/25/2004-3:39 PM*

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FAX

S H E E T

To: Bill Busbice

Fax #: 337-837-1423

Subject: Agenda

Date: August 23, 2004

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COMMENTS:

Please call me after you review the attached agenda. Thanks.

From the desk of...

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary

SUBJECT: September Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 2, 2004, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2004
3. Commission Special Announcements

WINTON VIDRINE

4. Recognize Statewide Enforcement Agent of the Year
5. Recognition of Employee Service Meritorious Awards - Littering and DWI
6. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/August

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

7. DMAP & LADT Public Comments

8. Public Comments - 2005 Turkey Season

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

9. Notice of Intent - Black Bass Regulations, Atchafalaya River Basin-Lake Verret-Palourde Complex

10. Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program

PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

11. National Hunting and Fishing Day Proclamation
12. Set January 2005 Meeting Date
13. Public Comments

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cc: Janice Lansing
Parke Moore
John Roussel
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
Division Administrators
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TO Undersecretary Assistant Secretary Office of Wildlife Assistant Secretary Office
of Fisheries and Press Secretary

FROM Dwight Landreneau Secretary *DL*

SUBJECT Commission Meeting Agenda **September 2 2004**

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*LAPAT & AMAP Public Comments
05 Turkey Season Public Comments
Dave Moreland
8/20/04*



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"Notice of Intent: Black Bay Regulations - Atchafalaya River Basin - Lake Verret - Palourde Complex."

As you recall, Commissioner Mouton directed the Inland Fish Division to present such at the Sept. meeting.

C. John Rouse

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Falcon, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2004 5:14 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Falcon, Susan; Porch, Pat; Guillory, Vince; Bourgeois, Martin; Hanifen, Jim
Subject: RE: September Commission agenda

Approved.

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2004 5:04 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Falcon, Susan; Porch, Pat; Guillory, Vince; Bourgeois, Martin; Hanifen, Jim
Subject: September Commission agenda

With your approval, Marine Fisheries will have the following item for the Sept. Comm. meeting:

Notice of Intent - Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program - Vince Guillory

Falcon, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2004 4:13 PM
To: Falcon, Susan
Subject: Commission meeting agenda

Please put Public Information on the September commission meeting agenda. I will present the National Hunting & Fishing Day proclamation.

*Marianne M. Burke
Public Information Director
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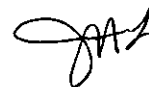
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No items.



8/6/04

Falcon, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2004 9:20 AM
To: Guillory, Vince
Cc: Bourgeois, Martin; Roussel, John E; Falcon, Susan
Subject: RE: Additional agenda item

We will wait until September, when Marty can put it on the action list for Marine. The FEIS is due in the Legislative Fiscal office by August 20, PRIOR to the Sept. Commission meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: Guillory, Vince
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2004 9:06 AM
To: Foote, Karen; Roussel, John E
Subject: FW: Additional agenda item

The September meeting would meet any time requirements. If we submit the rule and FEIS in September, the 120 day period would end in January 2005. All crab trap closures would occur later.

-----Original Message-----

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 5:24 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Bourgeois, Martin; Guillory, Vince; Falcon, Susan
Subject: RE: Additional agenda item

I know the August agenda is rather lengthy. If time-wise it is critical that it be handled in August, I concur. Otherwise September would probably be better.

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 4:21 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Bourgeois, Martin; Guillory, Vince; Falcon, Susan
Subject: Additional agenda item

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